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*Melconian Announces Successful Transfer Of Two Parcels...*

## Agawam Finally Gets Control Of County Land

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Agawam residents can stop worrying about becoming the site of a women's state prison or a juvenile detention center. The town's 11-year battle to gain control of nearly 250 acres of county land ended yesterday at a press conference on the front lawn of the police academy in Feeding Hills.

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian announced the successful transfer of two parcels of land formerly owned by the now-defunct Hampden County to Agawam. This transfer will enable Agawam to create an industrial park on 195 acres located across from the police academy and preserve 50 acres on School Street as open space for agricultural, recreational, or horticultural use.

"This is a coup for Agawam and for all of Western Massachusetts to acquire this precious land for economic development and for recreation, agriculture, and horticulture," Melconian said. "We can assure the residents of Agawam that they, not Boston, will control this land. No one but the residents know what's in the best in-

terest of Agawam."

After 11 years of trying to secure control of the land for the town, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the key issue had always been making sure the town would be in control and would not be forced into accepting an undesirable state facility.

"We are going to have another green space park developed by WestMass Area Development Corporation like the Agawam Regional Industrial Park," Johnson said. "Senator Melconian deserves 99 percent of the credit for getting this issue on the radar screen of legislative leadership, for getting the governor to sign the legislation, and for making sure it ran smoothly through the Senate and House committees."

Rallying support for Melconian's bill was a regional effort by town residents who signed a petition to the legislature, Allan Blair of WestMass (who organized the business community), the five mayors of Hampden County (who all signed a letter in support of the bill), and the Town Council for its lobbying efforts, Johnson said.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault said

development of the park would be in the capable hands of WestMass to create the type of rural country setting that will be attractive to any business owner.

**Interrupted Stream Of Economic Development...**

According to WestMass chief Allan Blair, the new park will be coming on-line just as the last available space in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park is being built out, thereby providing the town with an interrupted stream of economic development.

"The first step is establishing the land value through appraisals. By early 1999, we'll be into pre-development work and within three years, we expect to see the infrastructure, road system, and sewers in place and the parcels being marketed," Blair said.

Under the terms of Melconian's land transfer bill, the town will pay the full and fair market value for both the South Westfield Street parcel and the School Street acreage. Agawam will be required to pay five percent of the total value of the land to

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*Finishing Touches On The Schools...*

## Construction Projects Nearing Completion

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Less than three weeks before the students will be returning to school, contractors and town building maintenance workers are putting the finishing touches on the five school expansion projects.

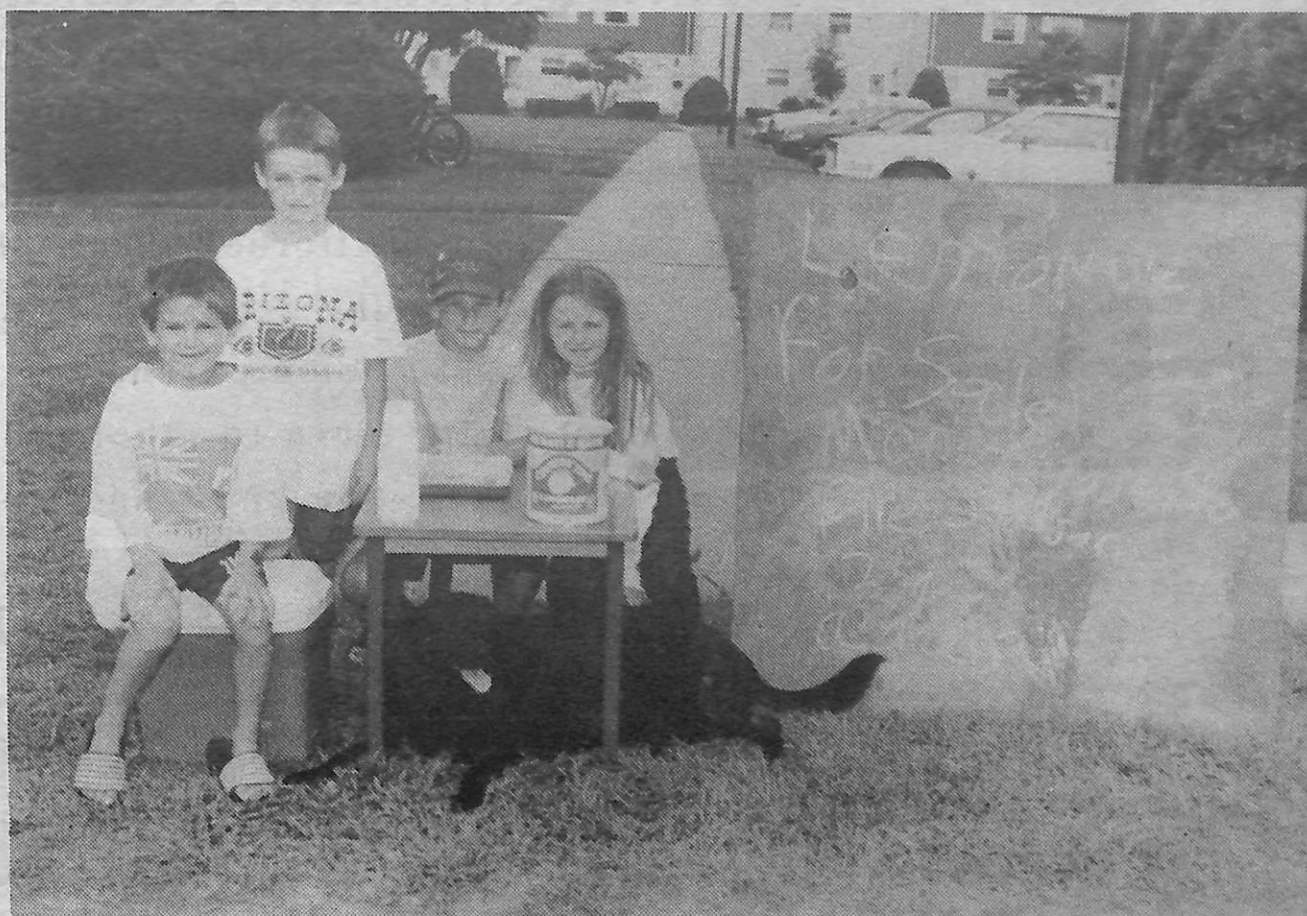
For the most part, the renovations and additions will be complete by the opening of school, with the exception of the gym at Clark School and the Library Media Center at Phelps School.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson won't be looking for more money from Town Council to complete the \$19.6 million project, one of the largest capital improvement projects in the town's history. But, he won't be returning any of the \$980,000 contingency fund, either.

In addition to covering the \$155,000 worth of unanticipated repairs caused by structural problems in the design and construction of the existing gym and cafeteria at Clark School, as well as the estimated \$30,000 to clean up the oil from a leaky oil storage tank at Clark, the contingency fund is being used to expand the scope of the

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## Quenching Thirsts For A Good Cause...



ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, youngsters Christopher Lombardi, D.J. Sapelli, Rob Lombardi, and Delaney Sapelli — accompanied by their four-legged friend, "Babe Lombardi" — helped raise money for the Agawam Fire Museum by selling lemonade to passers-by.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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the state each year for 20 years for the 195 acres in Feeding Hills. The payments will begin three years from the date of the transfer and the land must be used for economic development.

The 50 acres on School Street must be paid in full five years after the date of the transfer. The land is to be used for any valid agricultural, horticultural, or recreation purpose.

The School Street property has been mentioned as an alternate route for the planned Connecticut RiverWalk and Bikeway project along River Road, and local historians are interested in using the old prison farm barn as a museum.

Historical Commission Chairman Richard Bellico said his group would like to use the barn as an annex to the Historical and Fire Museum slated for the old Elm Street Fire Station in Agawam Center.

Bellico said he hoped the Feeding Hills acreage would be developed into a mirror image of the Agawam Industrial Park with the same types of covenants and restrictions. "With WestMass involved, I'm sure that's what they will do."

About a dozen town residents who had signed the petition urging the state to return control of the land to the town were on hand to hear Senator Melconian's announcement.

Reed Street resident Madonna McKinley summed up the concerns many residents had over the breakup of Hampden County and the land use issue. "I felt the land within the town should revert back to the town and I'm glad to see that's going to happen. It's frightening to think what might have happened to the land if the state had control," Ms. McKinley said.

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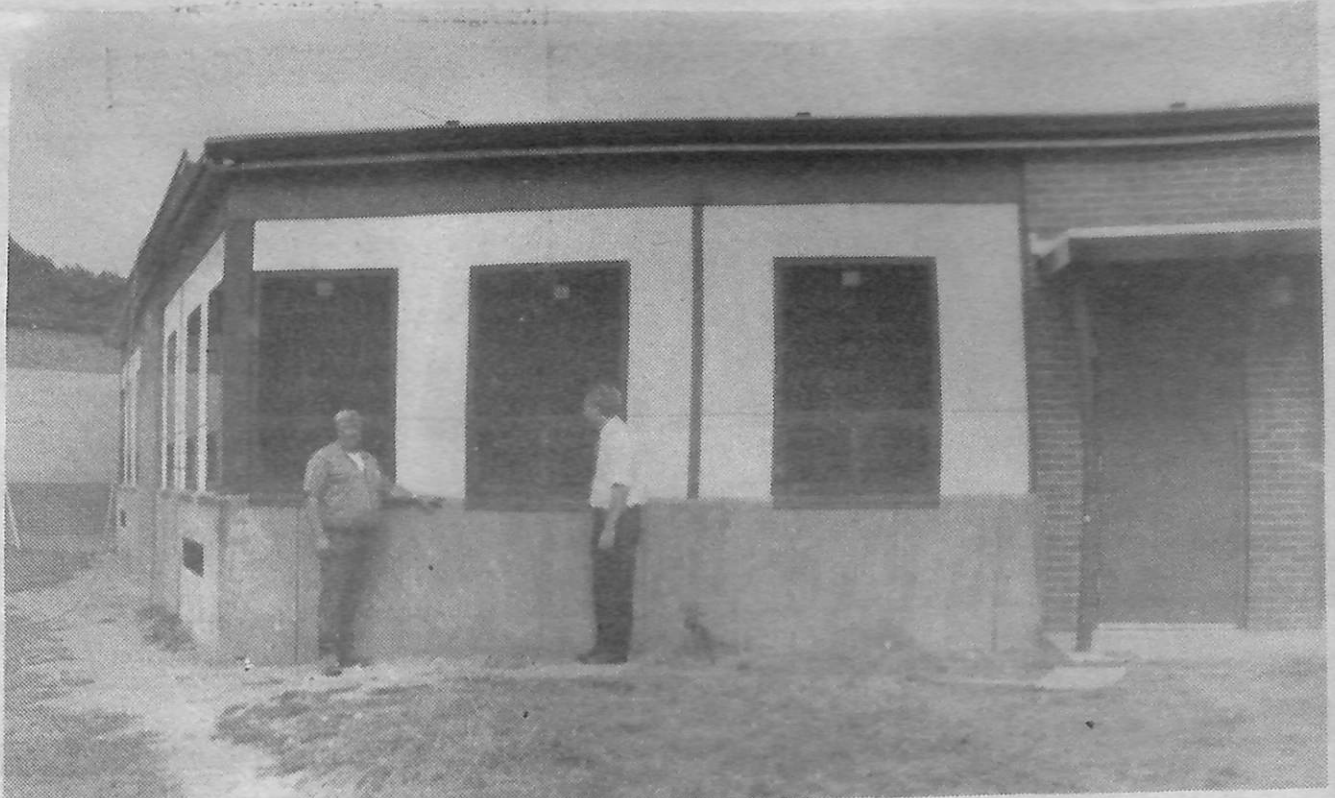
**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL  
APPROVED ORDINANCE  
TOR-98-4**

An Ordinance to Amend Agawam Zoning Ordinance-Town Code-Chapter 180 by adding Article XIV entitled Adult Businesses.

Said Ordinance is of a length too cumbersome for publication. Accordingly, copy of said ordinance is available for reference at the office of the City Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL  
Donald M. Rheault, President  
Agawam City Council

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**BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR Tony Albro and Mayor Christopher Johnson inspect the exterior of Clark Elementary School, which (according to Johnson) will have the "most dramatic makeover" and will look like a new school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

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renovations in order to take advantage of the 71 percent reimbursement approved for the projects by the state School Building Assistance Program.

"The timing was fortuitous for us at Clark, as hairline cracks in the gym walls gradually widened over the winter to the point where we knew the structural problems had to be fixed," Johnson said. "We hate to have to spend this money on repairs, but it would be foolish not to fix it now when we know it will cost more in the future."

In order to correct the structural problems at Clark, the gym walls must be rebuilt and the roof must be redesigned to channel water and wind away from the building. Moreover, cross-bracing must be installed in the ceiling to ensure the four walls will bear the weight of the roof equally. In the cafeteria, cross-bracing is being installed in the ceiling and the rear wall is being replaced.

Johnson said the school was built more than 40 years ago when the building code did not require cross-bracing the roof.

The Clark cafeteria is expected to be ready for the first day of school, but the reconstruction of the gym will likely force physical education classes to be held outdoors for most of the fall.

After touring the projects last week, Johnson praised the contractors and the town's Building Maintenance Department for their cooperation in getting the work done with the least disruption to the education process. Johnson and Building Maintenance Director Tony Albro and Roger Kupec have been instrumental in coordinating the work being done by town workers with the contractors, often putting in nights and weekends.

**"... Tremendous Feeling Of Satisfaction ..."**

Having shepherded the projects through the design stages to nearing the end of construction, Johnson said, "I will have a tremendous feeling of satisfaction when the work is done. We've invested a lot of money, but I think we've gotten a lot for that investment with additions at the four elementary schools and three huge additions at

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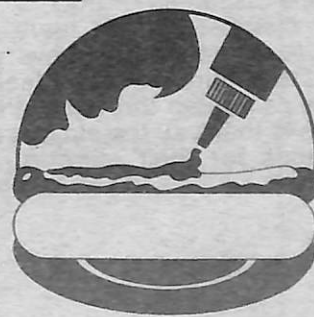
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## Letters To The Editor

### Remembering Father Jim Shea At Sacred Heart Church

#### To The Editor:

I was very sorry to hear of Father Jim Shea's death. I will miss him very much. Father Shea had a major impact on my life and I wanted to pay a small tribute to him.

I served as an altar boy for Father Shea at Sacred Heart in Feeding Hills many years ago. Father Shea was a true role model. He ensured that a vibrant athletic program in our parish would keep the children of the parish focused.

He always sent birthday cards. I remember waiting anxiously for Father Shea's annual birthday wishes.

Father Shea also brought the altar boys on fantastic trips. He took us to Washington, D.C., the submarine base in New London, and to Disneyland in Florida. Father Shea has given to me (and many others) very happy childhood memories!

As I relayed this sad news to my parents, my mother also reminded me that I was the first in our parish to exchange the "sign of peace" at Mass with Father Shea. Father Shea certainly conveyed peaceful and "Godlike" messages to our whole parish.

I was the altar boy at Father Shea's last Mass at Sacred Heart. I can remember crying with grief over this "loss."

Over the years I lost touch with Father Shea, but I will never forget what he gave me. Father Shea has played a major part in the Christian man that I am (and hope to improve) today.

With deepest sympathy,  
Joe Munley  
Worcester

### Agawam's Summer Soccer League Had A Great Season

#### To The Editor:

I would like to thank Dave Rollins and *The Agawam Advertiser* for their continued interest and support of both the Agawam Girls' and Boys' Summer Soccer League.

However, I am concerned that the article in last week's paper (about the girls' last game of the season in Ludlow) may have created a few mistaken impressions and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify them.

The purpose of the summer soccer league is to provide high school-aged players with an opportunity to playing during the off-season. While Coach Murray is always interested in her soccer players and does generally call me at the end of the season for team results, this league is not used as an assessment vehicle for the fall season.

At the conclusion of the article, Dave chose to mention the play of seven specific individuals. Although I was asked, I declined to highlight the efforts of any individual players. In my opinion as coach, every player showed well, whether they were upperclassmen or not.

Every member of that team played hard and contributed significantly in every game. I am very proud of the entire team and feel they made great progress as a team throughout the season.

I'd like to thank all the players and their families and friends for their support. We had a great season!

Sincerely,  
Denny Marr  
Feeding Hills

### Agawam Resident Thanks Town's Fire Department

#### To The Editor:

At this time, I would like to thank the Agawam Fire Department and all "call" firefighters regarding a blaze at my ranch-type home at 58 Doane Avenue on August 4th at about 9:00 p.m.

The 911 summoned help very quickly and confined the fire to the basement area, although there was smoke damage in all living areas.

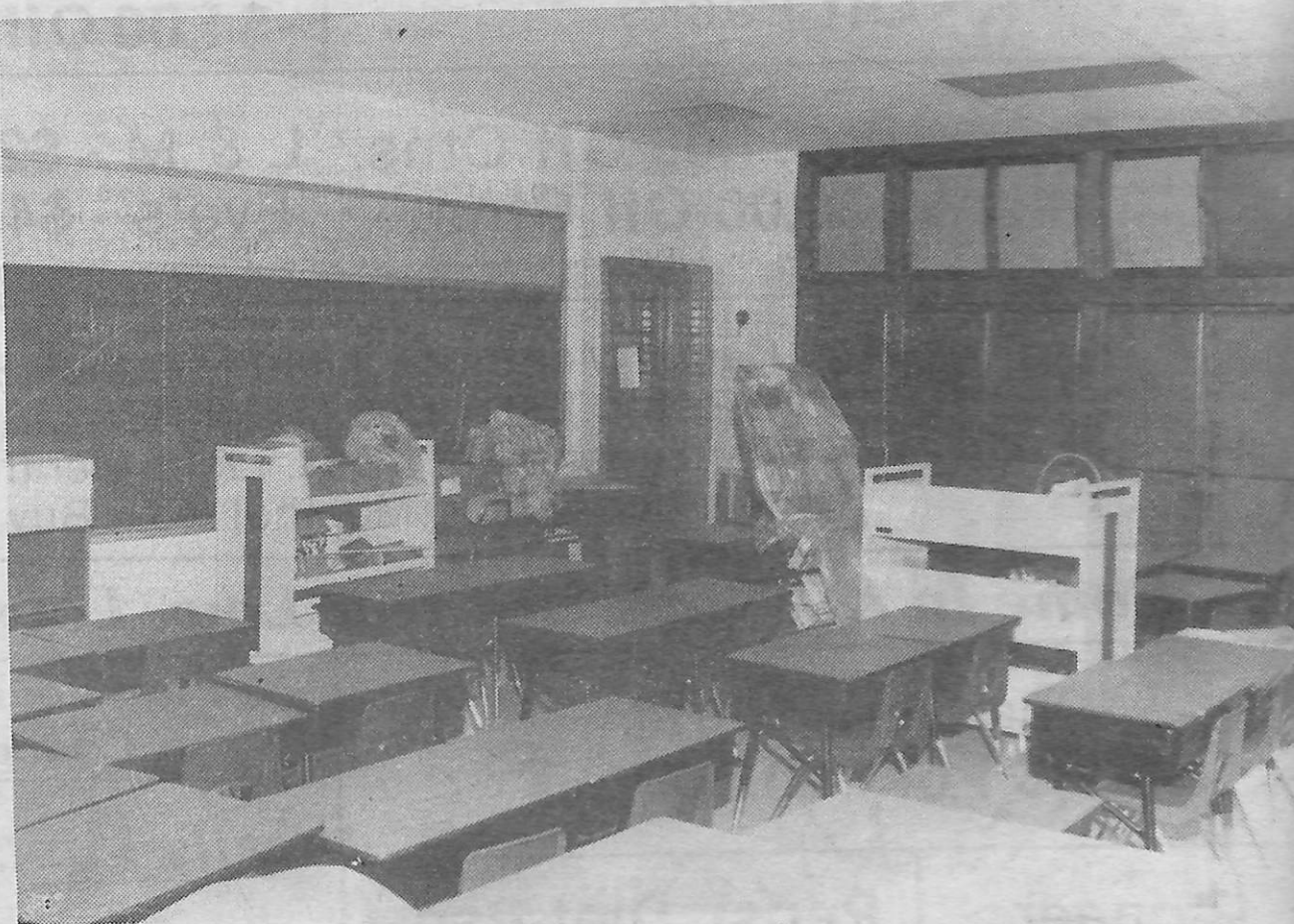
Also, many thanks to several neighbors who arrived to calm me down. It does my heart good.

Most sincerely,  
Joseph Kerez  
Agawam

## Things Are Looking "New" At Phelps...



AT PHELPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, the renovations have included additional space for a new kitchen (pictured above) as well as improvements to existing classrooms (pictured below) such as new ceilings and a refinishing job on the built-in wood cabinetry in each classroom. According to Mayor Johnson, Phelps has the largest of the elementary school additions. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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the High School. We're bringing five of our buildings up to date and spending less than West Springfield is spending for one new school."

The school additions will add about 73,000 square feet of space to the schools and the renovations are expected to extend the useful life of the buildings by 15 to 20 years, in addition to bringing them into full compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

At the High School, the main entrance will be through the new arched entryway to the administrative office addition facing Mill Street. The addition will be home to the principal's office as well as the deputy principal. The Special Education Department administrative offices will be relocating to a four-office suite, thereby freeing up space at the Junior High for two new classrooms. The administrative areas also include a reception area, conference room, and storage room.

The cafeteria addition adds enough space (60 percent more) to allow the school to go from three to two lunch servings. This eliminates the need for a split lunch period. The cafeteria will have all new furniture. The kitchen will have more space, new equipment, a walk-in freezer, and more storage space.

Throughout the existing part of the High School, new fire doors have been installed, all of the lockers have been repainted, windows have been replaced in existing classrooms, and the rooms have been repainted.

The 18-classroom addition boasts three types of classrooms — science, computer, and regular rooms. All are equipped with new furniture and built-in cabinetry. There is a storage area and a workroom for teachers.

Three new lights have been installed around the student parking lot, which will be repaved next week.

## The Most Dramatic Makeover...

According to Johnson, Clark School will have the most dramatic makeover and will look like a new school to the returning students and staff as a result of the window wall replacement.

Inside, a whole new heating system will be more energy-efficient and will free up 11 storage closets that formerly housed the school's furnaces. The addition houses a new library media center, specialized space for remedial programs, and three new kindergarten classrooms.

Johnson said the additions at all four elementary schools were intentionally designed to include identical kindergarten rooms in order to comply with new state regulations. At 1,100 square feet, the rooms are about a third bigger than a regular classroom.

"We decided during the design process to build

the more expensive kindergarten rooms while we could get the 71 percent reimbursement from the state and that's why all the additions have kindergarten rooms," Johnson said.

At Phelps, the principal will have a new office, the nurse will move into his old office, and the old cafeteria will become the Library Media Center.

Renovations to the existing building include all new wiring, a new heating system, all new ceilings, newly-painted classrooms, and a refinishing job on the built-in wood cabinetry in each classroom.

"The Library Media Center won't be done by September because our priority was to have the classrooms ready," Johnson said.

Phelps has the largest of the elementary school additions to provide space for a new kitchen and cafeteria as well as two new kindergarten rooms, specialized space for remedial classes, and one new classroom.

The work at Robinson Park School is expected to be complete when classes start and the school will look like a brand new school, inside and out, according to Johnson.

## "... The Best-Looking Design ..."

"This building lent itself to the best-looking design for the addition because we were able to choose where we wanted the addition, unlike the other schools where we had to add onto the buildings wherever we could," Johnson said.

The facelist for existing classrooms included painting, new ceilings, and window wall replacement. The gym and cafeteria are also being painted and will have new windows; new bathrooms have been installed in the south wing; the principal will have a new office and conference room; the nurse will have a new suite; and a new entrance will greet students and staff in September.

The addition will be home to the library media center, three kindergarten rooms, and two small rooms for specialized instruction.

Work is expected to be complete at Granger for the opening of school, with the possible exception of the library media center. The addition includes the library media center and two kindergarten classrooms, but the school isn't getting a net gain of classroom space. Johnson said the intention of the school department is not to add to the student population at Granger, which currently has close to 500 students.

"Our major priority at Granger was to build a Library Media Center, build a connecting road to the Junior High driveway, and create an interior courtyard for the school," Johnson said.

The breakdown, by school, of the estimated cost before construction began was \$7,667,861 (High School); \$2,901,711 (Clark); \$2,972,592 (Granger); \$3,680,655 (Phelps); and \$2,427,181 (Robinson).

## Malone Addresses Cellucci's Promotion Of The "Big Dig"

In a recent letter to Michael J. Sullivan, Office of Campaign and Political Finance in Boston, Joe Malone, candidate for governor of Massachusetts said, "As you may be aware, the Cellucci administration has started a television advertising campaign to promote the Big Dig.

"This is a grotesque use of taxpayer dollars for political purposes. Paul Cellucci's mismanagement of the Big Dig has been an issue in this year's race for governor, and the out-of-control liberal spending on the project has continued to generate negative headlines. For the Cellucci administration to commence a 'feel-good' advertising campaign about the Big Dig just five weeks before the September 15th primary election is an insult to every citizen of Massachusetts," according to Malone.

"We already know that Paul Cellucci plans to increase tolls on roads, tunnels, and bridges to pay for the project. And just this week, it was reported that landing fees at MassPort are doubling because of the Big Dig, which means higher airline ticket prices for the average consumer. Now taxpayers are being asked to pay more because Paul Cellucci wants to buff up the Big Dig's image in an election year by somehow convincing people that things are not as bad as they seem. That's wrong, and it is a serious violation of campaign finance laws," he continued.

"I am calling on you to use the powers of your office to seek an immediate halt to the use of taxpayer dollars for these blatantly political ads. Furthermore, Paul Cellucci's campaign committee should be made to reimburse the state for the \$2 million cost of producing and airing these ads. What Paul Cellucci is doing goes way over the line and he needs to be stopped," concluded Malone.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a (re-scheduled) public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of PHILLIP LeCLAIR who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71 of the Zoning Ordinances, which will allow for the construction of a second floor addition to the existing single family residential structure at the premises identified as: 16 LAWNWOOD STREET.

Larry Hoague  
Acting Chairman

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## Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent

### Tea 21 Restoration Act Effective October 1, 1998

The above, Public Law 105-178, further provides an increase in monthly pension benefit for disabled veterans in need of the full-time aid and attendance of another person by \$50 per month to assist the increasing number of low-income veterans who need alternatives to nursing home care. This change will increase benefits by \$200 million over five years and improves benefits for about 62,000 veterans in the first year.

Also to be increased are adaptive housing grants for the severely disabled veterans from \$38,000 to \$43,000 so that veterans may purchase a home specially adapted to their needs or to make modifications to their current residence.

Regarding the adaptive automobile allowance for severely disabled veterans, this benefit will be increased from \$5,500 to \$8,000 to help with the rising costs of automobiles. This benefit begins October 1, 1998.

The last benefit is the reduction in the amount which VA must recoup before paying disability benefits to veterans who also qualified for separation bonuses when separating from the military between 1991 and 1996. This change will increase benefits by \$4 million over five years and affects about 90,000 veterans who paid taxes on special separation bonuses.

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As promised, please be advised that we have just received the pre-registration forms for burial in the state veterans' memorial cemetery to be located in Agawam. We will be calling those residents who left their phone numbers with us.

Forms will be available at all veterans' service offices and VFW posts and American Legion posts across the state. Both veterans and their spouses are eligible.

You will need a copy of discharge (DD214) and a copy of marriage certificate. If forms are not completed properly, both the form and documentation will be returned for corrections.

If you have any questions, please call us at Veterans' Services, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

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**HONOR ROLL:** The following is a list of World War II veterans whose last names begin with the letters "J" and "K" and will be included on the Agawam Honor Roll.

"J"

Albert M. Jackson, Richard E. James, Charles P. Jasmin, Donald E. Jenks, Lee T. Jenks, Norman E. Jenks, Prentiss R. Jenks, Jr., William C. Jerser-ski, Alfred Johnson, Arthur W. Johnson, Elmer H. Johnson, Frank W. Johnson, Karl O. Johnson, Richard H. Johnson, Roy E. Johnson, Wilbur C. Johnson, Clark W. Jones, Gordon M. Jones, Lewis J. Jones, Jr., William L. Jordan, Raymond H. Jordan, Clayton R. Joyce, Samuel Joyce, Louis E. Juke.

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## Reacting To Cellucci's Veto...

# Melconian Seeks To Restore Funding For Western Massachusetts Projects

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) responded angrily this week to Acting Governor A. Paul Cellucci's veto of essential projects for Western Massachusetts.

"Acting Governor Cellucci has vetoed numerous programs that are essential to the vitality of our region. His action will derail major renovations at area libraries, disrupt major and long-planned rehabilitation of Springfield's Blunt Park, and curtail the environmental clean-up of the Belchertown State School," Melconian stated.

"The impact of these cuts is extremely serious. Long-awaited and hard-fought-for renovations to the Massachusetts building at the Eastern States Exposition are an example of Acting Governor Cellucci's short-sighted view of the budget process," said Melconian. "Either we pay now or we mortgage future generations to pay for repairs, renovations, and improvements that can be paid with today's dollars."

"For years, the Eastern States Exposition has been planning these renovations, and though we in the legislature have fought hard to fund those plans, Acting Governor Cellucci's actions this year will thwart this effort," she continued. "Hundreds of thousands of people attend the Eastern States Exposition every year. They come to West Springfield, Massachusetts, from throughout New England. It is an embarrassment that our state's building on the Avenue of States has not received these vital renovations that have been done to all the other state buildings."

Melconian remarked, "Cellucci believes he can veto these community development programs without any fear of an override, given that the legislature is in informal session. However, I have conferred with a number of my colleagues in the Senate and we are prepared to return to formal session to address these issues."

"I am calling upon all my Western Massachusetts colleagues in the House to implore the Speaker to return to session and finish the people's business. We should not allow our internal legislative rules to adversely affect the overall constitutional balance of power."

"Careful analysis of these vetoes makes it clear and obvious that the Administration has overlooked important projects in Western Massachusetts. It is essential that my colleagues and I fight to make sure that our communities here, on this side of Interstate 495, get their fair share," stated Melconian.

"Here in Massachusetts, we know about having to compete statewide for necessary funds for projects that are already approved. In my district alone, a list of approved projects that I have fought for are ready to move forward, but they remain unfunded largely as a result of the drain of Boston's Big Dig and other capital projects in the Eastern part of the state."

"None of Cellucci's vetoes will result in any additional tax cuts. The money will be placed in the Rainy Day fund, which has been expanded to \$1.425 billion," concluded Melconian.

## Melconian Announces Passage Of Community Reinvestment Bill

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced final passage of legislation to add \$200 million in community investment by life and property and casualty insurers in low- and middle-income areas of Massachusetts.

Melconian, as Assistant Majority Leader and Acting Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Insurance, was critical to passage of the legislation. "The reinvestment by our domestic insurers will provide individuals in Hampden County with the capital necessary to create economic development and jobs," Melconian said.

The legislation, which is expected to be signed by Governor Cellucci, includes \$100 million in community reinvestment from the life insurers and \$100 million from property and casualty insurers over five years.

In exchange for this investment, the state will eliminate the investment income tax for life insurers and the gross investment income tax for

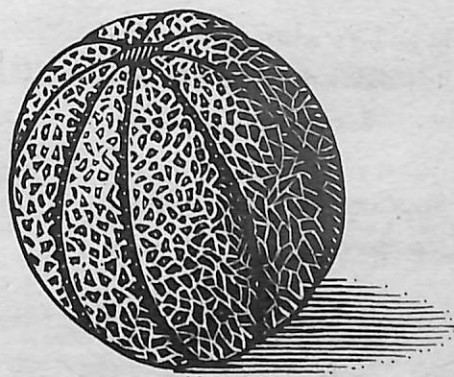
property and casualty insurers. These taxes put Massachusetts insurers at a competitive disadvantage with insurers from other states.

The community investment must adhere to the Legislature's definition of a "Qualified Investment," such as low-income housing, minority businesses, small businesses, or economic development. Investments must be made in low- or middle-income areas and must be a prudent and sound investment.

An investment committee made up of the industry and two outside members will have the final say on all investments. At a minimum, 25 percent of all investments must be made in the five business regions of the Commonwealth, assuring that the investments are geographically distributed throughout the state.

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**Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Monday.**



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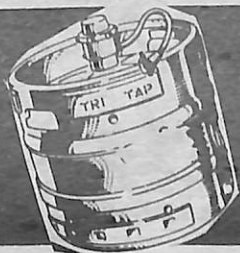
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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Edward F. Dempsey

Edward F. Dempsey, 62, of 21 Sutton Place, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in that city for many years, and also lived in Florida and in Arizona for 14 years, before moving to Agawam in 1994.

He had worked as a lead aid man at Mercy Hospital.

He leaves his wife, Lois T. (Talbot) Dempsey; four sons, Robert J. Visneau, Roy J. Visneau, Rickie J. Visneau, and Michael F. Visneau, all of Springfield; three daughters, Lillian J. King of Belchertown, Rena L. Condon of Springfield, and Bridget B. Frogameni of Somers, CT; four brothers, James of Agawam, William of Vermont, Robert of Florida, and Richard of Agawam; four sisters, Martha Murphy of Springfield, Patricia Dempsey of Arizona, Joanne Dempsey of Agawam, and Carol Dempsey of Feeding Hills; 21 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Another son, Ronnie Visneau, died in 1991, and he was predeceased by another brother, Jack Dempsey, and a sister, Liz O'Connor.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral and in St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church, Springfield, with burial at the convenience of the family.

### Barbara A. Basdekis

Barbara A. (Beele) Basdekis, 61, of Island Road, Holland, MA, and formerly of Agawam, died at her North Fort Myers, Florida, home.

She was a teacher in the Springfield schools for 26 years, and retired last year.

She was a Sister of St. Joseph, and was known as Sister Mary Philip.

She taught at several parochial schools in the Springfield and Worcester Roman Catholic Dioceses.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Elms College in Chicopee, and completed graduate work at Worcester State College and Clark University.

She was a member of the National Education Association, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the Springfield Education Association.

She did volunteer work and taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, and the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves her husband, Kenneth Basdekis; a son, Kenneth C. ("K.C.") Basdekis of Indian Orchard; three brothers, Philip Beele of Agawam, John Beele of Flossmoor, Illinois, and George Beele of Germantown, Maryland; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mont Marie, Holyoke, MA 01040, or the Diabetes Foundation of Greater Springfield, 34 Lancaster Avenue, Springfield, MA 01118.

### Elmer J. Sheaffer, Jr.

Elmer J. ("Butch") Sheaffer, Jr., 56, of Sackett Road, Westfield, died at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He was a service manager for AMI Leasing Co. of South Windsor, CT, for six years. He worked previously for 20 years at Hood Co. of Agawam.

Born in Springfield, he was raised in West Springfield and lived in Westfield for 14 years.

He was a former NASCAR driver and racing official at Riverside Park and at tracks in Greater Springfield for 30 years.

He held a pilot's license for several years, and was a volunteer for the Hampden County 4-H Club and the West Springfield Boy Scouts.

He leaves his former wives, Marie M. (Sheaffer) Sheaffer and Frances C. (Pacosa) Sheaffer; two sons, John ("Jack") of Middleburg, Virginia, and Scott of Westfield; two daughters, Kelly Kennedy and Tracey Sheaffer of Westfield; a brother, Robert of Rockville, CT; a sister, Sandra Reyome of West Springfield; two grandchildren; and two nephews.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. The burial was held in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Barbara J. Shayda

Barbara J. (Kucharzyk) Shayda, 54, of 237 Pineview Circle, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a 15-year bookkeeper for Burkhart & Pizzanelli, P.C., of West Springfield, and retired in 1996.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of West Springfield High School, and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She lived in Agawam from 1968.

She leaves her husband, Joseph P.; a son, Michael J. of Agawam; two daughters, Susan A. Bradway of Belchertown, and Christine M. Shayda of West Springfield; a brother, Edward of West Springfield; a sister, Dottie Besko of Suffield, CT; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Gregor Czopenko

Gregor Czopenko, 85, of 40 Orchard Mills Road, Claverack, New York, died in an Agawam nursing home.

He was a butcher in New York City for many years.

Born in Kolomyja, Ukraine, he came to this country in 1950, and lived in Greater New York City for many years. He moved to Claverack in 1981.

He was a Polish Army veteran of World War II, and was taken prisoner by the Germans.

He attended the Livingston, New York, Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Waldtraut Von Barschikowski; a son, Michael R. in Berlin, Germany; two daughters, Gabriele Moore of Feeding Hills, and Evelyn I. Rivera of Andover, Maine; a sister, Maria Marijczuk in the Ukraine; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church school building fund, or the Three Angels Academy, 1118 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01118.

### Teresa M. MacCannell

Teresa M. (Fitzgerald), 72, formerly of Warfield Drive, Westfield, died in a local nursing home.

She was a clerk at James J. Dowd & Sons Insurance Co. of Holyoke, and a sales associate at the former Albert Steiger Co. She retired in 1994.

She also worked at The Springfield Newspapers several years ago.

Born in Worcester, she lived in Springfield and Wilbraham before moving here in 1980.

She was the widow of Arthur L. MacCannell, a 26-year photographer for The Springfield

Newspapers.

She leaves a son, James A. of Springfield; a daughter, Leslie Shukes of Agawam; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, with the burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

### Alvin M. Morse

Alvin M. Morse, 66, of 77 Springfield Street, Agawam, died at Wing Memorial Hospital in Palmer.

He was a machine mechanic at the former Diamond Match Co. in Springfield, and retired in 1980.

Born in Hampden, he lived there until moving to Agawam in 1980.

He was a Korean War Army veteran, and was active in area square dance clubs.

His wife, the former Doreen I. Launder, died in 1992.

He leaves two sons, Alvin M. Jr. of Hampden, and Lewis H. II of Wilbraham; two daughters, Michele L. DesPlaines of Juno Beach, Florida, and Shelly M. Akly of New York State; three brothers, Dallas E. of Agawam, Irving A. of Hampden, and Lewis of Chicopee; and eight grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Pine Hill Cemetery in Westfield, and Robert E. Cusack Funeral Home of Westfield was in charge of the arrangements.

### Kim Giroux

Kim Giroux, 33, of Hope Farms Drive, Feeding Hills, died at Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield.

Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, she lived in Springfield for many years, and attended schools in that city.

She leaves a son, Michael A. Rondoletto of Belchertown; her parents, Edward T. and Peggy V. (Rogers) Giroux of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Edward T. Jr. and Joseph K. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Julia K. Florio of Feeding Hills; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was private, and the burial was in Springfield Cemetery. Sampson's Family Chapels of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Peggy Giroux, 37 Hope Farms Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

### Charles F. Tyler

Charles F. Tyler, 74, of Sugar Hill, Georgia, died on Tuesday, August 4th.

Born in Greenfield, he was a retired insurance claims supervisor with Travelers Insurance Company.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Buford, Georgia.

He is survived by his wife, Doris J. of Sugar Hill; a daughter, Charleen of Feeding Hills; two sons and daughters-in-law; Gregg R. & Diane of Sugar Hill, and Michael R. & Lisa of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; five grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Evan, Chad, and Steve; and three nephews.

The funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 6th, from the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, with Rev. Father Jimmy Adams serving as the celebrant. Interment was in the Broadlawn Memorial Gardens in Buford.

Arrangements were handled by the Flanagan Funeral Home of Buford.

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## OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

**Robert K. Nowinske**

Robert K. Nowinske, 75, of 11C Castle Hill Road, Agawam, died Tuesday, August 4th, at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the Springfield Technical School, class of 1942.

He moved to Agawam in 1994 and previously lived in Westfield.

He was employed by Hamilton Standard, Division of United Technologies of Windsor Locks, CT, as a Prototype Model Maker for 33 years before his retirement in 1985.

He was a World War II Army veteran, attaining the rank of Tech 5. He was involved in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

He received the Good Conduct and Victory Medals, and the European-African-Mediterranean Campaign Ribbon.

He was a member of the American Legion, John Maciolek Post No. 154 of Enfield, CT, for 45 years, a life member of Lodge No. 743 International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers for over 32 years, and a member of the Westfield Sportsman's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey "Debbie" (Rivers) Nowinske; a sister, Barbara A. Robinson of Agawam; several nieces and nephews; and grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 1998 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated July 14, 1998 for permission to: install third feeder at Bowles Park and install new underground three phase primary and new hex-

## LEGAL NOTICE

hole in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1998.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

Petition No.: DRG No. 1356.

Street: General Abrams Drive & Bowles Park  
Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: August 13, 1998

**Rev. James G. Shea**

The Rev. James G. Shea of Waltham, priest of the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers, died recently at the Stigmatine Retirement Community in Waltham after a lengthy illness.

He was 84.

Born in Boston, he was raised in Medford and graduated from Medford High School.

He was briefly employed at radio station WNAC.

After joining the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, he made his religious profession in 1935 and was ordained by the late Richard Cardinal Cushing, at the Stigmatine Major Seminary in Wellesley in 1943.

Father Shea's first assignment was to Holy Family Parish, Lynn, where he remained until being appointed chaplain at Concord Reformatory in 1950.

In 1956, he began a series of parish assignments.

During his many years of priestly ministry, he was an associate pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, White Plains, New York; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Feeding Hills; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Pittsfield; and St. Anthony's, Agawam. Father Shea also served as pastor at Our Lady of Angels, Woodbridge, Virginia.

He was a member of the North Shore Camera Club, Lynn. The Friendly Knights of St. Patrick named Father Shea "Irishman of the Year" in 1993.

Father Shea is survived by a brother, Daniel of West Roxbury.

The funeral Mass was celebrated in Holy Family Church, Lynn, with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Milford.

Arrangements were handled by the Solimine, Landergan and Rhodes Funeral Homes of Lynn.

**FireWise...****by Fire Chief David Pisano  
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Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your children. Teach them some basic first aid and have a small kit stored where it can be found easily.

Keep a list of important phone numbers by each phone. Teach children personal safety and spend time discussing various situations and how they should handle them.

Most important, establish some "house rules" and make sure your child understands the consequences if he or she should break a rule. Also, check with your child's school for some after-school programs that might be offered in your area.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL  
AGAWAM, MA

The Agawam Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Sept. 8, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on the application of Berkshire Power Company for a license to keep, store for personal use/or resale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 500,000 gallons at 31 Moylan Street in the Town of Agawam, MA.

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

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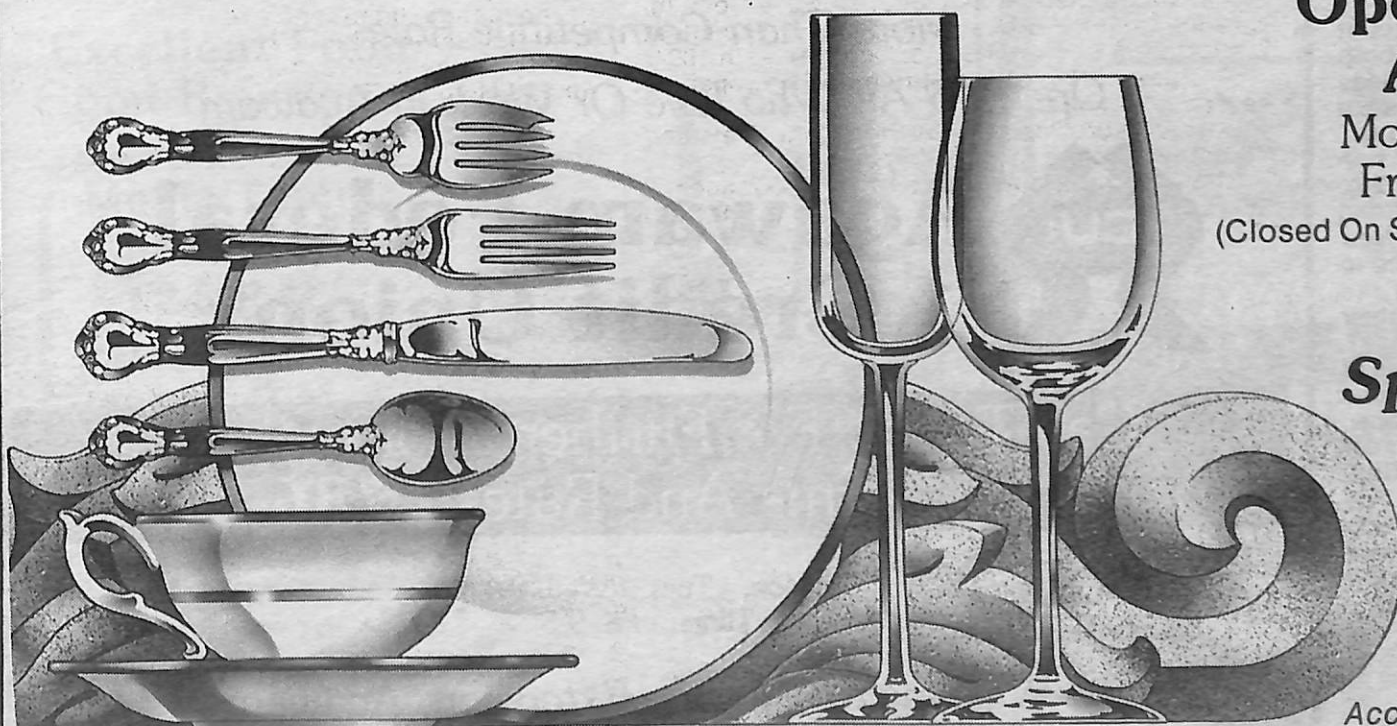
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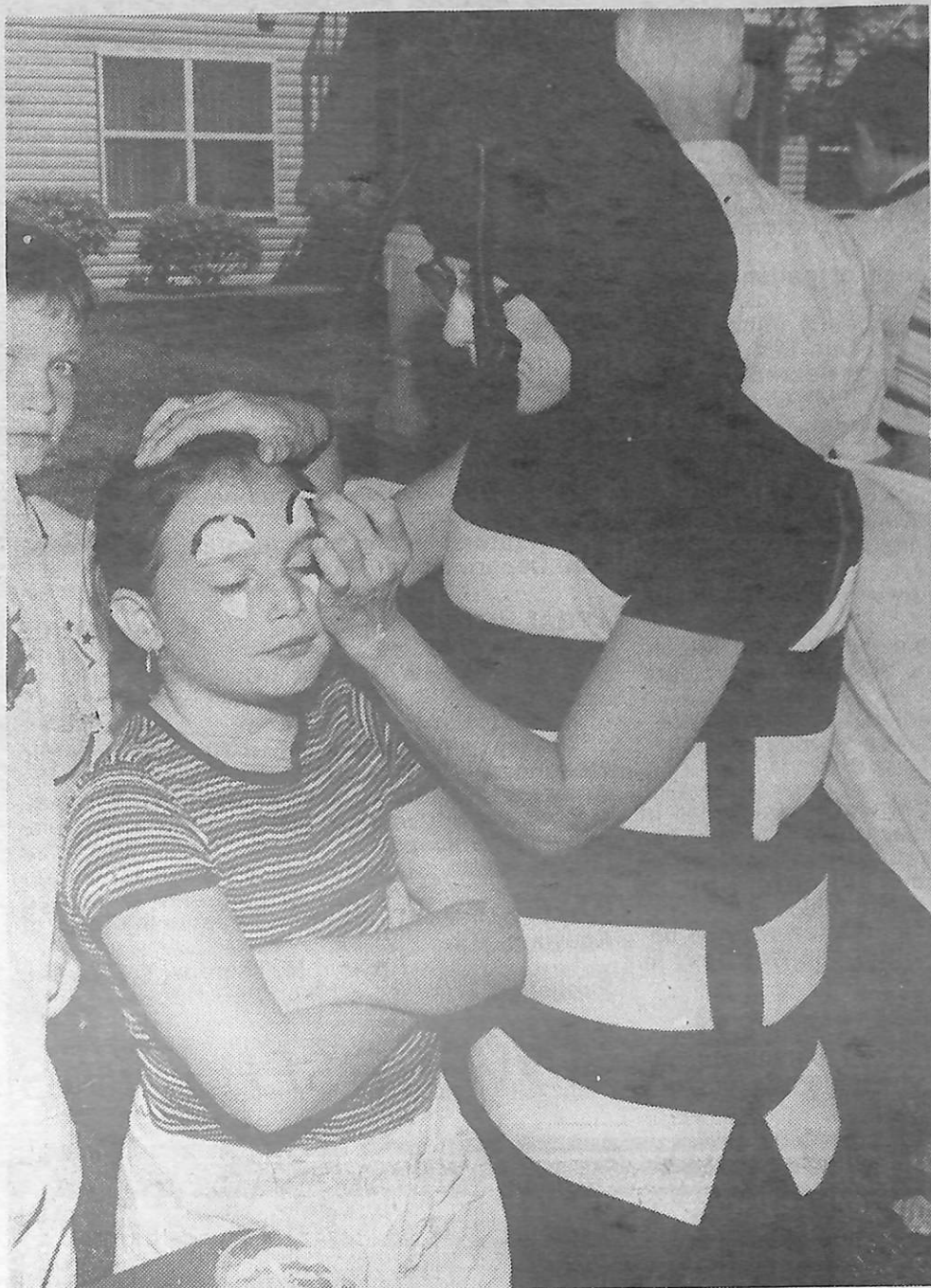






## Families

### Family Cookout At Quail Run Estates...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Linda King was "busy as a bee" painting the face of nine year-old Krista Santaniello. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Alison Jackobek, Jeanine Penney, and Dot Mapes are preparing for the cookout, which took place on Sunday, August 2nd. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Big E Discount Advance Tickets Are Now Available

Fairgoers who enjoy planning ahead will save \$2 by purchasing discount advance adults admission tickets to The Big E, which takes place September 18th-October 4th. Tickets are now on sale at The Big E Box Office in the Coliseum and, beginning August 23rd, will be on sale at all Stop & Shop supermarkets. Admission in advance is just \$8, and tickets must be purchased by September 12th.

Save additional dollars and purchase discount ride vouchers for \$10 (regular price - \$12) at both locations. Vouchers are good to ride all the rides on the Magic Midway on any Pay-One-Price day or may be exchanged for 30 ride coupons any day.

All advance admission tickets and ride vouchers must be purchased by September 12th.

Over one-million visitors are expected to attend this year's spectacular edition of "The Great New England Fall Festival." Fairgoers who want to bypass lines at the gates and get right to the festivities will be able to do so by purchasing their tickets in advance.

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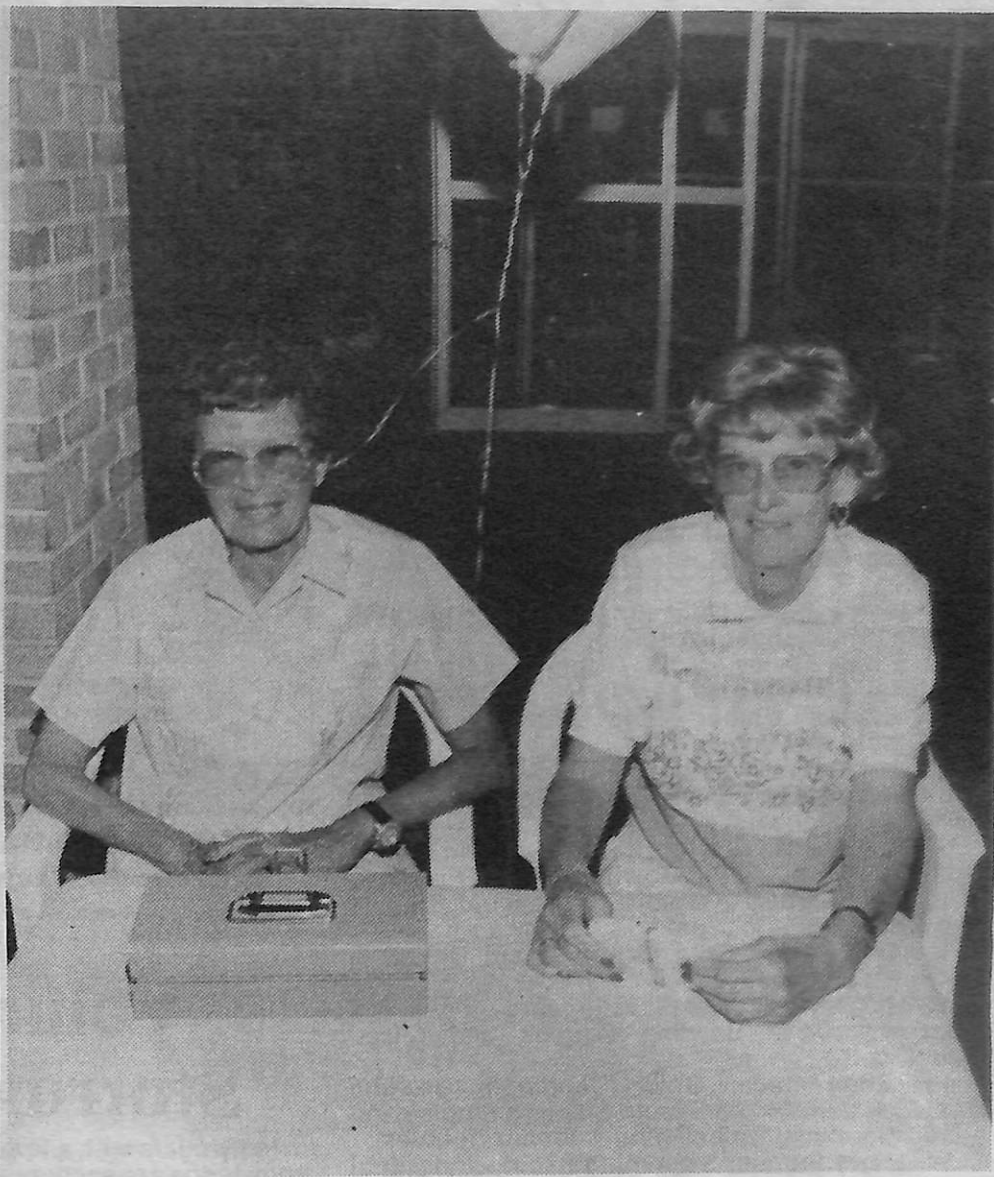
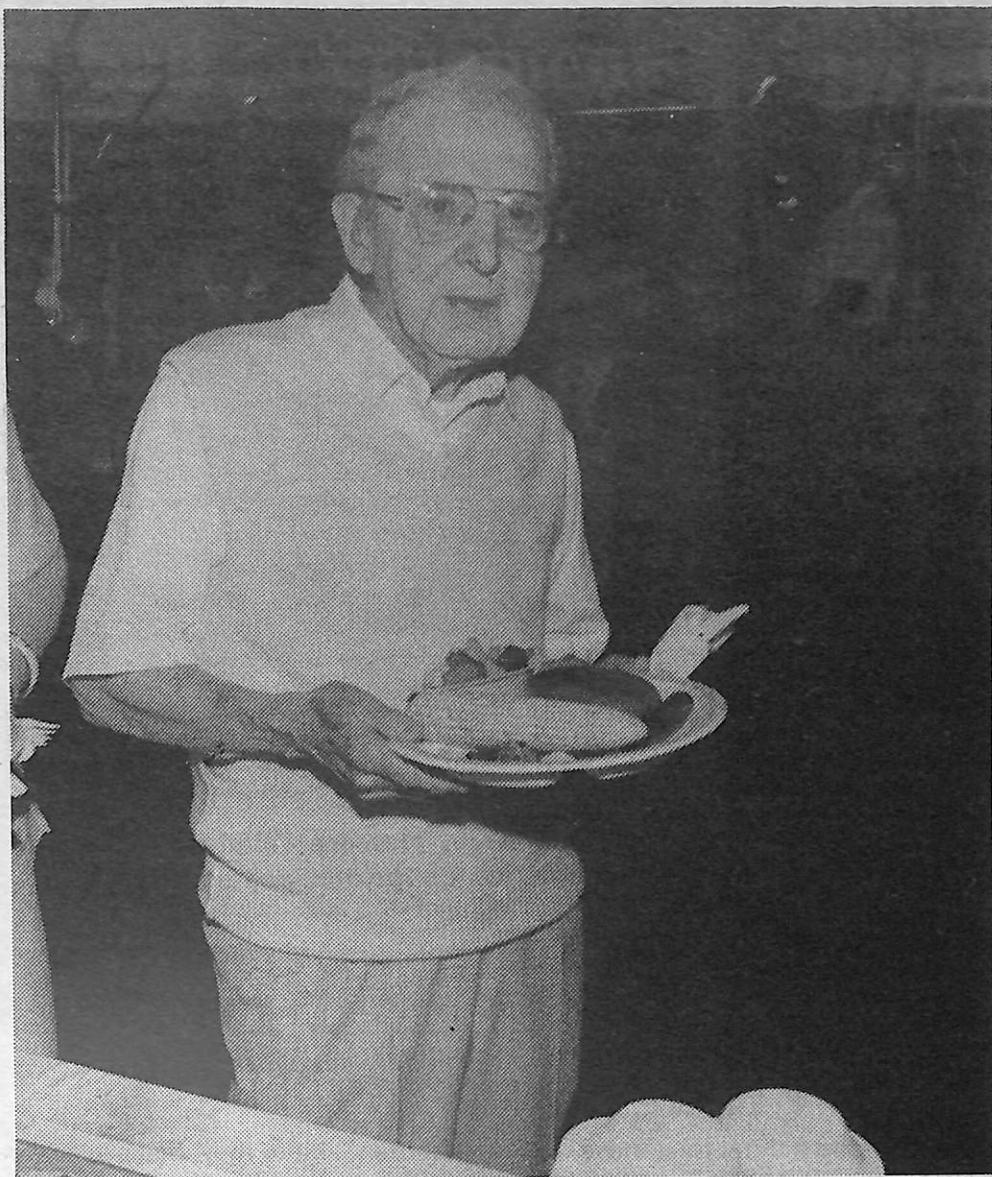


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## Happy Faces At Quail Run Cookout...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Art Morin is about to sit down and enjoy his meal at the family cookout. IN RIGHT PHOTO: "Cash box" ladies Betty Vieceili and Kay Browning. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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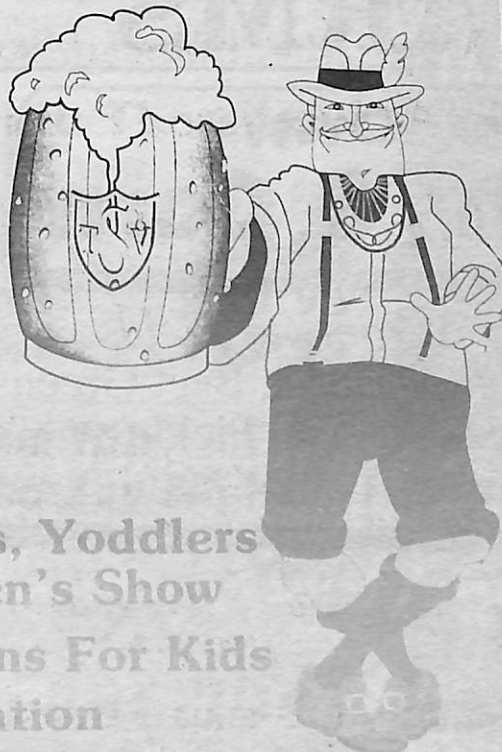
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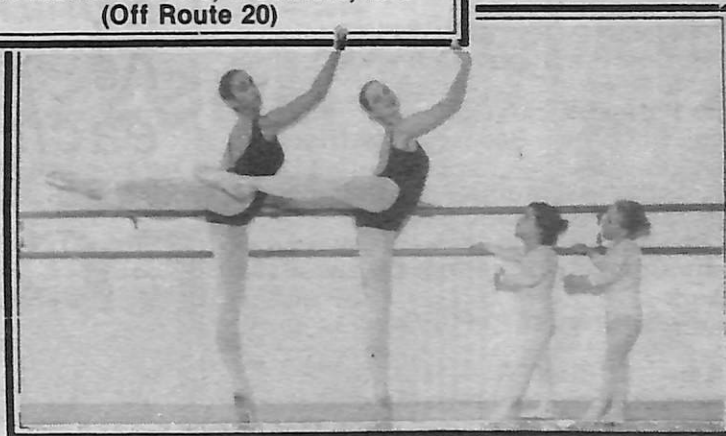
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## Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

### 1998 Massachusetts Senior Games: Final Results For Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA)

Thirty ASGA athletes who competed in the Massachusetts 1998 State Senior Games won a grand total of 63 medals. Does that make Agawam proud or what! Final standings are as follows:

1. **Rudy Altobelli**: 2 Gold (Tennis Doubles and Singles).
2. **Margaret Bentley**: 2 Silver (10-Pin Bowling Singles and Doubles).
3. **Tom Bentley**: Silver (10-Pin Bowling Mixed Doubles).
4. **Janice Bonk**: Gold (Shuffleboard Doubles); Bronze (Shuffleboard Singles).
5. **Ernie Bouley**: Gold (Table Tennis Men's Doubles); Silver (Table Tennis Mixed Doubles).
6. **Edythe Chiba**: Gold (Billiards); Silver (Candlepin Bowling).
7. **Chet Comins**: Gold (10-Pin Bowling Singles).
8. **Dian Curran**: 2 Silver (10-Pin Bowling Singles and Mixed Doubles).
9. **Joe Curran**: Gold (10-Pin Bowling Men's Doubles); Silver (10-Pin Bowling Mixed Doubles).
10. **Lois Cutler**: 2 Gold (Shuffleboard Singles and Doubles).
11. **Ted Cutler**: Gold (Shuffleboard Doubles); Silver (Racquetball).
12. **Hal Deyo**: 4 Silver (Shuffleboard Singles and Doubles; 10-Pin Bowling Singles and Mixed Doubles).
13. **Edna Duca**: Gold (Candlepin Bowling Doubles); 2 Silver (Candlepin Bowling Singles and Mixed Doubles); Bronze (Shuffleboard Doubles).
14. **Harry Ingram**: Swimming (Gold - Individual Medley 200; 5 Silver - 50 & 100 Freestyle, 50 & 100 Breaststroke, 50-meter Backstroke); Gold (10-Pin Bowling Singles); Silver (10-Pin Bowling Mixed Doubles); Gold (Long Jump - 12'2 1/4").
15. **Virginia Ingram**: Silver (10-Pin Bowling Mixed Doubles); Bronze (10-Pin Bowling Singles).
16. **Desiree Jacobs**: Gold (Shuffleboard Doubles); Bronze (Shuffleboard Singles); 2 Silver (10-Pin Bowling Singles & Doubles).
17. **Robert Jaynes**: Bronze (Tennis Doubles).
18. **Mary Knowles**: Bronze (10-Pin Bowling Mixed Doubles).
19. **Carolyn Leary**: Silver (Golf).
20. **Ollie Muldrew**: Gold (Candlepin Bowling Singles).
21. **Paulene Paquette**: Gold (Lawn Bowling Singles).
22. **Lena Peloquin**: Gold (Shuffleboard Singles); Bronze (Shot Put).
23. **Angelo Polumbo**: Gold (10-Pin Bowling Singles).
24. **Chris Polumbo**: 2 Gold (Discus and Javelin).
25. **Vi Presz**: Gold (Shuffleboard Doubles); Silver (Shuffleboard Singles).
26. **Pauline Provost**: Gold (Golf).
27. **Helen Robbins**: Bronze (Shuffleboard Doubles).
28. **Janice Schermerhorn**: Silver (Shuffleboard Doubles); Bronze (Shuffleboard Singles).
29. **Jane Schmidt**: 2 Gold (Billiards and Lawn Bowling Team Competition); Bronze (Lawn Bowling Singles).
30. **John Wylie**: Bronze (10-Pin Bowling Mixed Doubles).

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Here's to a successful and rewarding "October 1999" as we try for the Nationals to be held in Orlando, Florida!

## Jr. Women To Raise \$\$\$ For Fire Equipment

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is working toward purchasing a Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department.

A helmet such as this would greatly enhance a fireman's eyesight in a dark, burning building. On Wednesday, August 19, 1998, a boot will be passed at the Veterans' Green concert in an effort to raise these funds.

A small table will also be set up with further information this state of the art equipment. Please bring your family to these wonderful free concerts and consider giving generously to this project. A price cannot be put on a life.

If you cannot attend these concerts but still wish to donate to this project, please mail your check made payable to the Agawam Helmet Fund, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

## Playing "Pokeno" At Heritage Hall...



AT HERITAGE HALL'S EAST BUILDING, Deb Reavey, Florence Glidden, and Kate Amstead recently enjoyed a game of "pokeno" (a variation on the ever-popular pastime of bingo). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Volunteer Guides Needed For Storowton Village During Big E

Individuals with a love of history and a thirst for knowledge are encouraged to apply to the Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum for positions as volunteer tour guides throughout the 17 days of The Big E.

Both adult and teenage staffers are needed to conduct guided tours of the Village's historic buildings during this year's 77th Big E, September 18th through October 4th. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Village Gift Shop during the fair.

All volunteers will receive free Big E admission and parking during workdays as well as a 25-percent discount on items purchased at the Storowton Village Gift Shop. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to attend the staff field trip, picnic, and the annual Big E staff party. A recognition luncheon will be held for those who have donated more than 75 hours of service per year.

Having shared a common interest, volunteers

have found the friendships they make a truly memorable part of their Village experience.

Dressed in Early American costumes, Village volunteers will give fairgoers a glimpse of the rich past of New England while interpreting the daily lives of 19th-century New Englanders. Volunteers will gain and share a wealth of knowledge about 19th-century crafts, foods, and daily life while participating in the excitement of The Big E.

Training sessions for prospective volunteers will take place on August 26th, September 2nd, and September 9th.

For more information on this opportunity, contact Gail Hano, Storowton Village Museum director, at (413) 787-0136 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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## UNICO's 36th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que Is Set For August 23rd

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its 36th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, August 23rd once again at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The Bar-B-Que will be held from 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m. in the pavilion of the Polish Club. The cost for this year's meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under.

As in past years, there will be chicken, French fries, salad, corn, fruit drink, coffee, and watermelon.

All proceeds from the Bar-B-Que will be used to benefit Agawam UNICO and its many charitable

activities. Agawam UNICO is well-known for its commitment to the community and the residents of Agawam.

Agawam UNICO continually provides scholarships as well as helping Agawam's mentally and physically challenged citizens. The organization is also known for its contributions to the many student and civic activities throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets can obtain them from any UNICO member or at the door. This year's Bar-B-Que is being co-chaired by Frank M. Morassi and Ron Lalancette.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, August 17th:** Apple juice, vegetable lasagna, sugar snap peas, whole wheat bread, cantaloupe.

**Tuesday, August 18th:** French meat pies, sweet potato, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, applesauce.

**Wednesday, August 19th:** Meatball grinders, potato puff, tossed salad, brownie.

**Thursday, August 20th:** Chicken leg, mashed potato, lima beans, rye bread, peaches.

**Friday, August 21st:** Clam chowder, tuna on a roll, pasta salad, pineapple.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## "Unbirthday Party" For Agawam Library's Summer Reading Kids

Preschool Summer Reading Club members are invited to an UNBIRTHDAY PARTY at the Agawam Library on Tuesday, August 18th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Birthday songs and stories will be the order of the day, and refreshments will be served.

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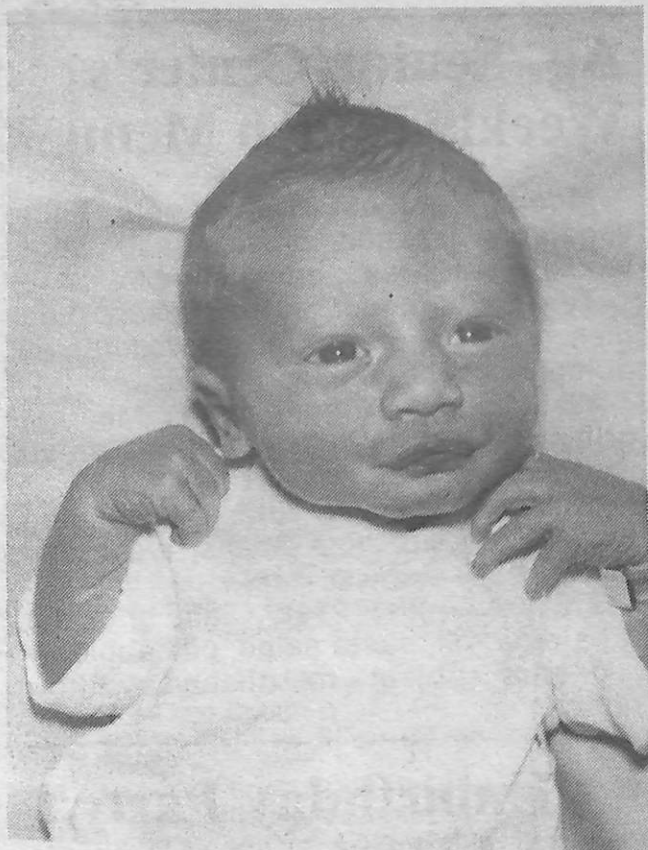
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ZACHARY DEREK JARVIS

## Jarvis Family Announces Birth Of First Child, Zachary

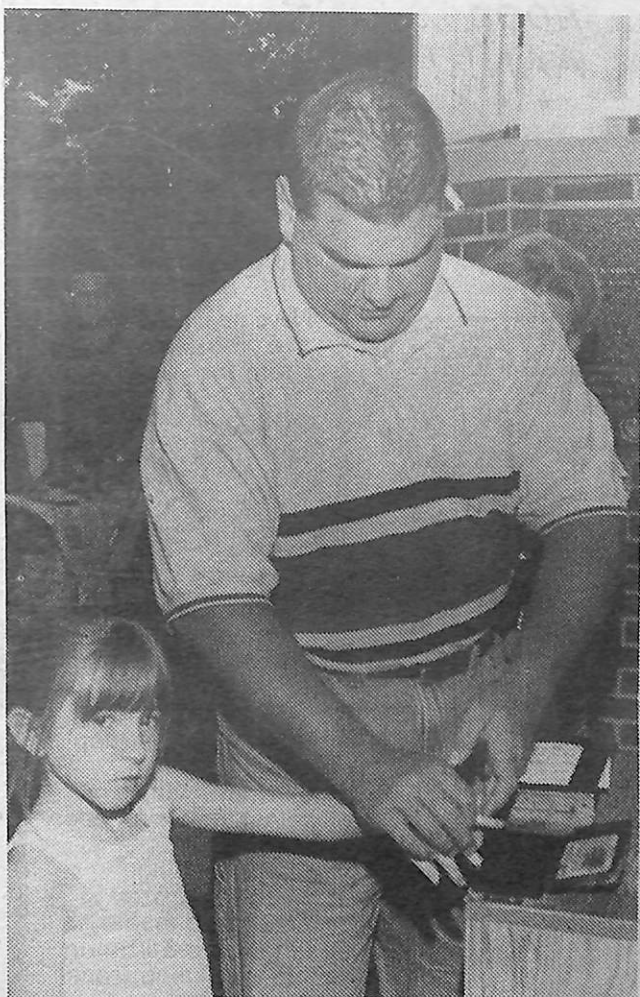
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jarvis of Sturbridge are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Zachary Derek Jarvis.

Zachary was born July 5, 1998 at Baystate Medical Center. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jeffrey & Maureen Jochim of Liswell Drive, Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Derek & Nancy Jarvis of Northwood Street, Feeding Hills.

Cindy Jochim and Michelle & Chris Jarvis are the aunts and uncle of Zachary.

**“Am I In Trouble???”**



DESPITE THE SERIOUS EXPRESSION ON HER FACE, Krissi-Lee Sullivan was not in trouble when her picture was taken. Instead, she was just one of the children who were fingerprinted for identification purposes during a recent program sponsored by the Agawam Rotary Club at the Veterans' Green. Doing the "printing" in the photo above was Officer Mark Poggi of the Agawam Police Department. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MR. &amp; MRS. GERALD G. ALLEN

## Lisa M. Lindsey Becomes Bride Of Gerald G. Allen

Lisa M. Lindsey and Gerald G. Allen were united in marriage on May 30th at St. David's Church in Agawam.

Lisa is the daughter of Thomas and Patricia Lindsey of Feeding Hills. Gerald is the son of Gerald G. Allen of East Windsor, Connecticut, and the late Barbara Allen.

Christine Lindsey attended her sister as maid of honor. Brian Kostanski served the bridegroom as best man.

Lisa is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is a client service specialist at Mass Mutual Life Insurance Co., Springfield.

Jerry is a graduate of Agawam High School and attended American International College in Springfield. He is a senior account manager at Mass Mutual.

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MR. &amp; MRS. RUSSEL BOLLIG

## Deborah Cheetham Weds Russel Bollig In Golden, Colorado

Joyce & Robert Cheetham of Feeding Hills and Mary & Duane Bollig of Arvada, Colorado announce the marriage of Deborah Cheetham to Russel Bollig, June 6, 1998 at Boettcher Mansion in Golden, Colorado.

Mrs. Debra Cheetham, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and Mitchell Bollig, brother of the groom, was best man.

Deborah graduated from Agawam High School, American International College with a B.S. degree in nursing, and Simmons College with a master's degree as a pediatric nurse practitioner. She is employed by Access Health as a registered nurse.

Russel graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.S. degree in kinesiology. He is the owner of Podium Footworks and Orthotics.

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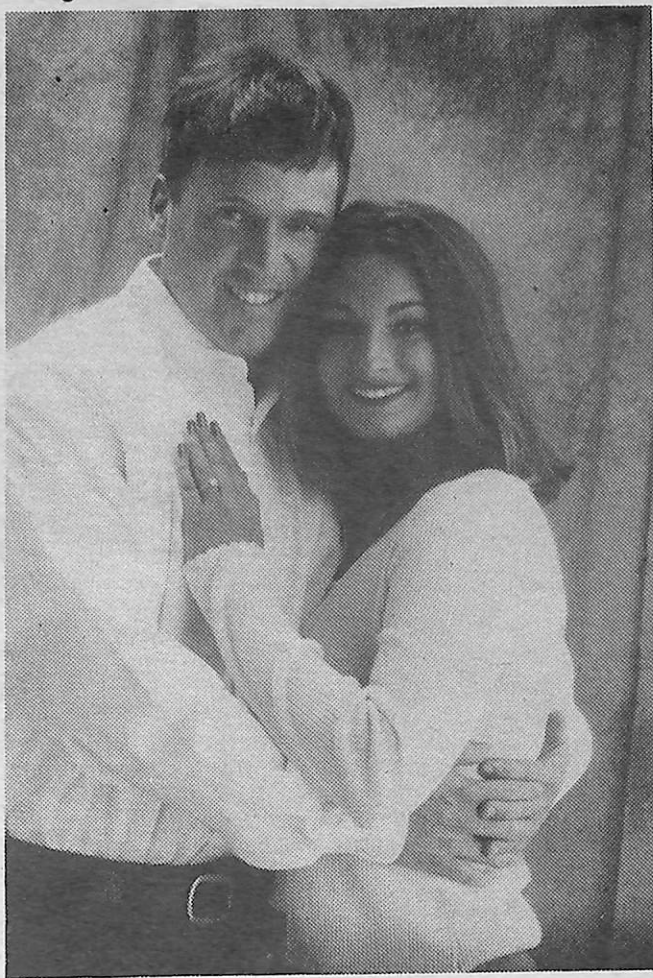
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DAVID R. SHLOSSER & ERICA L. FILLION

### Erica L. Fillion Engaged To Wed David R. Shlosser

Mrs. James McCarthy of Westfield and Mr. Roger Fillion of Southampton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Lyn Fillion, to David Robert Shlosser, son of Mrs. Sandra Balthazar of Agawam.

Erica is a 1994 graduate of Westfield High School. She is attending Westfield State College to complete her Bachelor's Degree in English.

David is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School. He is a Regional Trainer for Xerox Corporation in East Windsor, CT.

Erica and David will wed on July 10, 1999.



ANDREA L. CALLAHAN

### Andrea L. Callahan Graduates From USAF Basic Military Training

Air Force Airman Andrea L. Callahan graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the Airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Andrea is the daughter of Vicent and Brenda Callahan of 29 Florida Drive, Agawam. She is a 1998 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Westfield.



FRANK CHRISCOLA JR., 92, AMELIA MORAN, 89, and JOHN CHRISCOLA, 84, were the "guests of honor" at a birthday celebration given by their families on Sunday, August 9th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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- Friday, August 21, 1998 2:30P.M. to 4:30P.M.



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- Monday, 24, 1998 6:00P.M.



# Church News

## Vacation Bible Camp At Agawam Congregational



AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held its annual Vacation Bible Camp from July 27th through July 31st. The theme of this summer's camp was "Reliving the Exodus Freedom." Advertiser News  
photo by Jack Devine.

### Summer Worship At First Baptist Church

"God Working Through You" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' message at this Sunday morning's service of worship at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

The scriptural text for the message will be taken from Philippians 2: 5-16. Vivian Roberts will lead the responsive reading.

Soloist will be Don Jones, Tenor. Greeting at the doors will be Helen Kane and Aletha & Everett Hodge.

Children's church will convene at 10:00 a.m. with stories and crafts based on the Old Testament. There will be a social hour in Davis Hall following worship.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning. If you are a visitor in town, please feel welcome to attend our service of worship.

A warm welcome awaits you in our air-conditioned sanctuary.

Caring connection contacts for the month of August are Sharon & Doug Grabowski, tel. (860) 668-0450.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the youth will sponsor a car wash in the church parking lot off Elm Street. It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The cost is only \$3 and proceeds will go to Youth Mission Projects.

### Weekly Calendar Of News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the 11th Sunday after Pentecost, are Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, and Luke 12:49-56.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "God Has High Hopes for Us."

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Vacation Bible School will be held this Sunday from 9:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon. All children are welcome to attend.

On August 23rd, VBS will conclude with an Open Village.

On Sunday, August 23rd, members and friends of this church are invited to celebrate the conclusion of church renovations. There will be a picnic prepared and served by the Board of Trustees following morning worship.

Before and after pictures of the building will be available for viewing. Bring some outdoor games

to play and come rejoice with us as we dedicate our new addition!

Please note that Elaine will be away the week of August 17th.

This does not change the newsletter deadline, however! The deadline to submit information remains August 20th.

Please note that the Board of Stewardship and Missions will meet on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:30 p.m.

On the calendar:  
**Thursday, August 13th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.  
**Sunday, August 16th:** 9:15 a.m., Worship; 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Vacation Bible School; All-Church Picnic/Dedication.

**Monday, August 17th:** 7:00 p.m., Trustees; 7:30 p.m., Agawam Clergy Association.

**Tuesday, August 18th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

**Wednesday, August 19th:** 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed.

**Thursday, August 20th:** Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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## Church News - continued...

## Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

### PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 30TH

Time to mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic at the VFW grounds on the last Sunday of August.

Rudy Altobelli and Mariann Green will co-chair this year's event. If you have any suggestions for the 1998 picnic, please let them know or call the Rectory.

We hope this will be a good family celebration, blending generations of old and young to have fun together.

Volunteers for the Dunking Booth (over 18 years) are most welcome. Call Fr. Howard.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Parish Community will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in October. If there are any adults who have not as yet been confirmed, please call the Parish Office at 786-8105.

There will be a few preliminary sessions, beginning August 18th, in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. to refresh your memory and "bring you up to speed." (We will just need a copy of your Baptismal record before October.)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD Registration for 1998-99: Come to the Parish Office during business hours. All registrations should be in by September 1st so the program can get off to a smooth start. But the earlier the better.

Child safety had led to a New Schedule for classes:

Grades 1-4 — Saturday morning, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (same).

Grades 5-7 — Tuesday evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Grades 8-10 — Monday evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Confirmation, Grade 11 — Monday evening, 7:30 p.m.

Classes start September 19th, 21st, and 22nd (Grades 1-10). Teachers are still needed. Training will be provided. Call Sr. Fran Gloster, 786-8105.

*"Church News" is another reason why you turn our pages.*

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## Calendar Of Activities And Events At Agawam Congregational Church

This Sunday, August 16th, is the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Disappointment & Determination," taken from Text: Hebrews 11:29, 12:2. His Children's Message will be: "Look at the Clouds."

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The Adult Education Classes will continue each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned church office, following the Worship Service.

All are welcome to attend these classes.

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The Summer Church School curriculum for church school ages pre-school through sixth grade continues. The program curriculum, "The Whole People of God," will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months. This week's program will be led by Dan Pender.

Registration for Fall Church School continues. You may call the church office at 786-7111, or Dan Pender, Director of Christian Education/Youth Director, at 786-3129.

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The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is a canned meal (stew, hash, etc.).

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

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The Fall Playgroup will begin on Thursday, September 17th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be only one day of Playgroup this fall, so sign up early. The Playgroup year schedule will follow the Agawam Public School calendar.

For more information, contact the church office at 786-7111.

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The Big E Project has begun. Anyone interested in working at the Big E (for the church at the Storowton Meeting House Kitchen) may call the office at 786-7111.

We need waiters, waitresses, bus people, kitchen help, and clean-up people. This is a fundraiser for the church.

## St. David's Episcopal Church In Feeding Hills Seeks Assistance For Serbo-Croatian Family

On July 3rd, a Serbo-Croatian family of four arrived in Massachusetts from the former Yugoslavia.

Ilija (34) and Jelka (30) Popovic, along with their children, Dijana (10) and Slobodan (7), immigrated under a Department of State program for refugees from the war-torn area. The family will live in Westfield, near Jelka's brother, Milan Vrankovic, and his family.

The family is being assisted by St. David's

Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills as part of the Episcopal Migration Ministries. St. David's will assist in collecting donated goods, getting necessary medical attention, learning English, and seeking employment.

For information on how to donate goods, please call 786-6133. Cash donations may be made to: Refugee Resettlement Fund, Attention Craig Reed, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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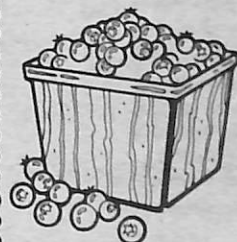
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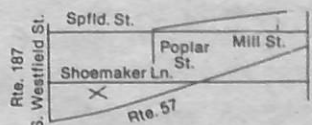
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## An Uneasy Word: Sin

"I'm okay - you're okay" was the popular mantra of the 1980's. There was even a best-selling book by that title. "I'm okay - you're okay" is still the ideology of bar scenes, where acceptance is offered to all without regard to one's behavior.

To a lesser extent, "I'm okay - you're okay" is the world's way of coping with sin. Perhaps the tacit acceptance of errant behavior on the part of others is itself a plea to be accepted.

Many people in the world cope with sin by refusing to acknowledge its existence in the first place, much as an ostrich sticks its head in the sand. There was once a minister who refused to use the word "sin" in his sermons because a certain few people in his congregation were offended by it. Can one actually imagine forbidding a minister to speak of sin from the pulpit? It actually happened.

Sin is one of the great levelers of humankind. Think about it; everybody you know is a sinner! No one is better than another when it comes to sin, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Sin should be a favorite topic of all preachers, since it is the one thing all people have in common! We preachers may not know the specific details of the challenges any parishioner may be facing, but we do know that all of us struggle with sin.

However, sin is not a popular topic. Not only is sin a great leveler of humankind, it is also a great divider of humankind. When the Apostle Paul described how our sins cannot be washed away by religious rites, he spoke of the offense of the cross.

When Jesus spoke of the desperate need of humankind for a redeemer, He said to them, "Does this offend you?" Even though the Bible says that through Jesus God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross, His work on our behalf didn't necessarily make for peace among people. Jesus said, Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. Not everyone is willing to acknowledge their sins.

Yet, if we want to be people who know God and who grow in faith, we must acknowledge our sins. Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross. In order to lay aside sin, we must first acknowledge it.

Acknowledging our sin is never easy. It isn't easy for people to confess themselves sinners in need of salvation, even though we all admit that "we're only human, nobody's perfect."

Those who've taken the first step of being born again by accepting Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior and Lord and who have gone through the initial process of repentance might think that would be the end of it. Actually, it's just the beginning of the process.

The promise of Jesus is that to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God. When God disciplines us, the Bible says He is treating us as His children.

My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom He loves, and chastises every child whom He accepts.

Even adults need to be disciplined by God. Paul said he had not already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.

## Grace Lutheran Church Slates Annual Tag Sale

Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1552 Westfield Street in West Springfield, will hold its annual tag sale/flea market and bake sale on Saturday, September 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be something for everyone, including collectibles, new and used items, adult and children's clothing, and toys.

In addition, there will be a baked goods table with homemade cakes, pies, cookies, jams, and jellies. Coffee and donuts, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be on sale.

In the event of rain, the sale will be held in the church hall, with parking at the rear of the church.

Anyone wishing to rent space may do so by calling the church office at 734-9268, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The cost is \$10 per space, or \$15 with an eight-foot table.

## St. Thomas Church Seeks Crafters For Holiday Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

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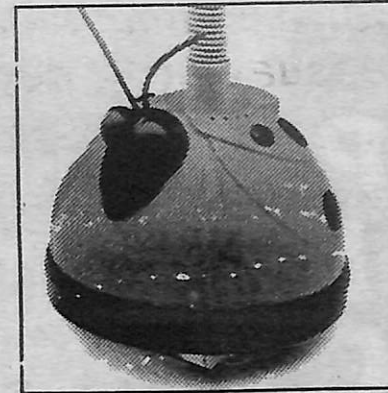
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## Spotlight On Business

### Legal Memo

by

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### Sexual Assault In Home...

#### Injuries alleged:

Sexual assault of five year-old boy.

#### Facts:

In August 1996, a five year-old boy attended a cookout with his parents at a neighbor's house. The neighbor's 12 year-old son raped the five year-old while in the basement. The incident was witnessed by another minor.

When the incident was revealed, police were notified and a criminal process ensued. In the criminal case, the assailant admitted to sufficient facts and the case was continued without a finding for a period during which the assailant was required to seek therapy.

A civil suit was filed against the parents of the assailant alleging that they failed to warn of his known dangerous propensities. A second suit was filed against the assailant alleging negligence that, at the time of sexual acts, he was unable to understand and fully appreciate the consequences of such activities.

The parents' homeowner's insurance retained counsel for the parents and their son but issued a reservation of rights asserting that the sexual acts were inherently intentional and therefore uninsurable as a matter of law.

The case was met with some confounding evidentiary issues. The eyewitness was too distraught to testify but because there was a continuance without a finding, the results were not admissible to prove the occurrence of the rape. The parents of the defendant asserted that they were unaware of the dangers of their son.

The case was settled with a six-figure amount which was kept confidential and there were special damages awarded for \$5,000 in therapy bills.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

Our deadline is each  
Tuesday at 12 noon...

## E. Cecchi Farms Part Of Statewide Tribute To Sweet Corn

E. Cecchi Farms will participate in a statewide tribute to sweet corn this Saturday and Sunday, August 15th and 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day by hosting Corn Fest '98 at their farmstand at 1131 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The Cecchi family plans to serve over 500 ears of white, yellow, and butter & sugar corn this weekend. Now in its fifth year, the Cecchi Corn Fest has evolved from an event that simply enabled consumers to taste the local corn harvest into a customer appreciation day. Along with fresh-picked and fresh-cooked corn, customers will be able to sample a variety of vegetables, all grown on the family farm.

It's not certain who enjoys the Corn Fest more, the customers or the Cecchi family. Stand manager Robert J. Cecchi, Jr. relates, "We're always so busy around here that we don't always get a chance to say 'thank you' to all the customers who've allowed us to grow as we have over the years. This is our chance to let them know how much we appreciate their business."

They will also be serving grilled vegetables, cantaloupe, and other dishes as well. There is no charge for any of the food at Corn Fest '98. Contributions will be accepted, however, and matched by E. Cecchi Farms and donated to a local charity.

Corn Fest is a family affair: Anna Cecchi, who founded the farm with her late husband, Erminio, has been preparing dishes all week, including a Corn Fest favorite, her tomato and basil salad; Her son, Robert, Sr., constructed the giant ear of corn which has become a late summer landmark on Springfield Street, and his sons are involved as well; Bobby and Michael make sure there's enough veggies for everyone while David mans the grill.

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- Financial history of the house, including most recent purchase price and assessed value.

- Needs of the seller, including how quickly the house must sell. Is a sale needed to finance the purchase of another home? Can the seller afford to wait for the asking price?

Other factors may include location, access to shopping, schools, churches, and recreational facilities, and the selling prices of homes nearby and in similar neighborhoods.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Stop & Shop  
Launches Drug  
Prevention Campaign****Cellucci Applauds Program To  
Prevent Youth Alcohol And Drug Use**

Responding to the national government's call to action in the fight against youth drug and alcohol use, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company has initiated a "Shop to Stop Drugs" campaign.

This innovative program partners communities, retail manufacturers, and Stop & Shop to support local drug education and prevention efforts. The campaign kicked off last week in the Feeding Hills Center store, and will take place throughout the month of August in all Massachusetts Stop & Shop stores.

"I am proud to have Stop & Shop as an ally in our fight against drugs," said Governor Paul Cellucci at a press conference kicking off the event. "By taking a leadership role in this battle, Stop & Shop will help increase awareness of the dangers of drugs and raise important funds for prevention programs. This initiative complements the state's ongoing efforts to help kids resist the often strong temptations of drug and alcohol use."

Preventing youth drug and alcohol use has been on the minds of national lawmakers and concerned businessmen alike. Recently, President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced a \$2 billion ad campaign to reduce drug use.

"I salute Stop & Shop's willingness to take a leadership role in this critical social issue," commented Drew Cerza, founder of "Shop to Stop Drugs." "As the national government launches its largest ad campaign ever with the goal of reducing teen drug use, this program serves as a call to action, designed not only to raise awareness but also to provide parents and children with support and information they need."

The program raises money for an innovative "Families for Prevention" video series to be sent home from elementary schools to parents. This video program has been shown to be an effective way to reach parents and assist them in identifying factors known to contribute to the experimentation and use of drugs by children. In a recent study of parents participating in the program, over 90 percent found the video series effective.

"Shop to Stop Drugs" raises money in two ways. Thirty-five sponsoring manufacturers are making contributions based on the sales of their products during the month of August. These companies are also underwriting the costs of the campaign; therefore, 100 percent of the money raised supports local drug education and prevention efforts.

In addition, shoppers are given the opportunity at the check-out line to add a dollar to their bill to fund this cause. The program will be supported by a two-week radio campaign throughout the state.

"With the rise of illegal drug use in our country, it is imperative that we partner with communities to support local drug education and prevention efforts," said William J. Grize, President and Chief Executive Officer, Stop & Shop, and Honorary Chairperson of the "Shop to Stop Drugs" program. "Stop & Shop is committed to supporting its customers through consumer programs which make a difference, such as 'Shop to Stop Drugs.'"

In the last four years, illegal drug use has risen 78 percent among 12 to 17 year-olds. At the same time, the perception that drugs are harmful has dropped.

"Shop to Stop Drugs" is a call to action by communities across the country to raise money for drug prevention programs in elementary schools.

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**More About Travel Insurance  
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Last week, I talked about the importance of trip cancellation insurance and the many different reasons why we need it. I want to continue on that same topic this week with some of the other types of travel insurance that are available to all of us when we make our travel arrangements.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION is probably the second most used type of travel insurance. Many policies will cover up to \$50,000 for this type of service and it can really come in handy when you need it. Basically, this type of insurance will protect you if something were to go wrong medically and you needed to return home prior to your scheduled departure date.

You may want to check with the insurance company or your travel agent to find out if you must pay first, then wait for a settlement from the in-

surance company. DELAY INSURANCE is related to cancellation in that the policy will pay you money for a missing part of your trip. For instance, traffic accidents on the way to departure and/or airline delay due to bad weather. Also, the loss of travel documents or money may be a reason to collect.

MEDICAL COVERAGE for many requires the customer to use his or her own personal health insurance first. The travel policy pays the difference from your own health insurance. And again, every insurance company may be different, so you really need to read the policy first.

LOST BAGGAGE is the least needed, because most of the policies do not cover the most important and costly items in the event your luggage was lost.

After all this, if you're still not sure about coverages, most insurance policies will provide you with an 800 number to call for more assistance. Many travel agencies sell travel insurance directly to the customer and have access to a customer service representative from the insurance company.

I want to thank Travel Age East and Doug Oakley for providing us with this valuable information. I know it will answer a lot of questions about travel insurance.

We still have some space on our Radio City Christmas Show. Call quickly.

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# For Your Health

Fitness Tips...

## Make The Commitment And Stay Consistent

by Carmela A. Kirk, R.N.  
Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

The first step to becoming fit is to seek knowledge. Read, ask questions, and you will find exercise can keep you healthy, happy, safe against injury, and provides a host of other beneficial side effects.

The next step is to decide you want to be physically fit. This is not a decision to be taken lightly. Exercise is a lifelong commitment. Once you reach your goals, it takes exercise to maintain them.

It takes time, energy, and a lot of effort. Unless you are fully convinced of the incredible benefits of exercise and the high risks involved in unfitness, you will not succeed.

The commitment to exercise is essential. Know that it will take patience, get difficult sometimes, and take time to see the results you want. Stay committed and focused.

Don't try to do too much at once and don't quit before you have a chance to see and feel the rewards. This is the time to get those goals down on paper and review them frequently.

Keep the long-term goal in front, but plan on reaching that goal via many short-term goals. Don't think of that long-term goal as an end point; remember, this is a lifelong commitment and you should clearly plan on continuing exercise for the rest of your life.

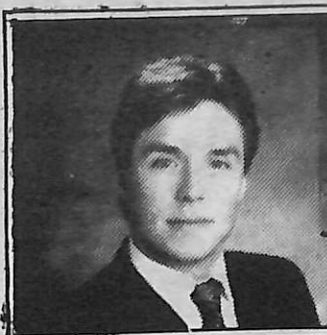
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Setbacks occur, as do unplanned breaks in your routine. Think of these as detours. When you get to a detour in the road, you don't just stop and go home, right? You take a little longer and continue on with little energy given to that detour.

Detours come in all forms. Too much time at work, illnesses, and vacations are all times that the exercise may fall behind. Consistency is very important.

If you've started your program and you've done your homework (so it isn't too much or not enough) and you've gone for more than four days without exercise ... quick, get back there! The benefits you've attained are slipping away!

Skip a day, even two, but to see results and feel the benefits, consistency is key. Even on vacation, two or three days of exercise per week will at least maintain you for when you return. To improve, four or five days per week will do it.



### Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph  
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### Treating "Kyphosis" (Hunchback)

**Question:** I'm in my 50's and seem to be developing a "hunchback" which my doctor called a kyphosis. I drink milk and get moderate exercise. Should I take calcium supplements?

**Answer:** Although past trends set by the medical/drug industry implied that by taking calcium supplements, one can maintain a healthy, straight spine and prevent future spinal problems such as hunchback (kyphosis) from occurring, more needs to be said.

Advertising campaigns in the past had directed their dollars at a senior citizen market. However, very little evidence exists establishing improved structure (posture) by increasing your calcium intake. You may have seen the TV ads showing a young woman with normal posture standing next to the elderly woman who is bent forward with a hunched back. The implication, though incorrect, is soon ingrained into our way of thinking. Although not directly stated, the implication is that by taking their calcium product you can stop this abnormal curvature from developing.

I agree that calcium coupled with sound nutrition, exercise, and rest is very important in maintaining a strong, healthy spine and dense bones. But heredity and spinal alignment are more important. Inherited traits are impossible to change. So, if your parents and other family members have a history of kyphosis (hunchback), then the chances are higher that you, too, will have the condition.

Misalignment of the spinal vertebrae called subluxation cause weakness and may result in curvatures and other spinal distortions.

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**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesday, August 19th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at this meeting will be announced.

**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, August 25th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Reed Shnyder, M.D., a Board Certified Cardiologist at Noble Hospital, will be the speaker at this meeting.

### COURSES/PROGRAMS:

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, August 19th and 26th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department/Ground Floor.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** Thursday, August 20th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic, athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physical referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

**"Hearts & Flowers":** A heart-smart BBQ dinner and informational retreat presented by Noble Hospital and Stanley Park. Tuesday, September 1st, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. At The Pavilion at Stanley Park, Westfield. Cost: \$8 per person.

\* 3:00 P.M.: Reed Shnyder, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist - "Relaxation and a Healthy Heart".

\* 3:45 P.M.: Baiqing Li, Tai Chi Master Instructor - "Demonstration of Tai Chi."

\* 4:15 P.M.: Mark Lavoie, Executive Director of Stanley Park - "Informal Discussion in Herb Garden." (Light refreshments will be served.)

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\* 6:00 P.M.: "Heart Smart BBQ Dinner." Available for Q & A - Tricia Porter, R.N., B.S.N., Director of Cardiac Rehab, Noble Hospital, and Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietitian, Noble Hospital.

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### ZUCCHINI BREAD

*Vegetable oil spray*  
 1½ cups all-purpose flour  
 ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
 1½ teaspoons baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 ¼ teaspoon baking soda  
 1/8 teaspoon salt  
 1 cup shredded zucchini (about 4 ounces)  
 ¼ cup raisins (optional)  
 1 tablespoon finely chopped walnuts, preferably dry-roasted  
 ½ cup pineapple juice  
 Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg, or 1 egg  
 1 tablespoon “acceptable” vegetable oil (use canola, corn, safflower, soybean, sunflower, sesame, or olive oil)  
 1 tablespoon corn syrup  
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
 Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan with vegetable oil spray. Set aside.  
 In a large bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt. Stir in zucchini, raisins, and nuts. Set aside.  
 In a smaller bowl, beat together remaining ingredients. Add liquid ingredients to flour mixture and stir until just moistened.  
 Pour into prepared pan and bake for 1 hour, or until a cake tester inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely.  
 To store, wrap loaf in plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 7 days.  
 Serves 16, 1 slice per serving.

### Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

91 kcal calories, 2 gm protein, 18 gm carbohydrates, 0 mg cholesterol, 63 mg sodium, 1 gm total fat, 0 gm saturated fat, 1 gm polyunsaturated fat, 0 gm monounsaturated fat.

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### JICAMA AND GRAPEFRUIT SALAD (with Ancho-Honey Salad Dressing)

#### Dressing

½ cup water  
 2 ancho chili peppers, halved together lengthwise and seeded\*  
 2 cloves garlic, quartered  
 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
 2 tablespoons honey  
 1 tablespoon “acceptable” vegetable oil (use canola, corn, safflower, soybean, sunflower, sesame, or olive oil)  
 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
 1 pound jicama, peeled and cut into very thin slices (about 3½ cups)  
 ½ cup chopped red onion  
 ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
 2 medium red or pink grapefruit  
 In a small saucepan, combine water, chili peppers, and garlic. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduced heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.  
 Pour mixtures into a blender or food processor. Process until smooth. Add remaining dressing ingredients. Process until smooth.  
 In a medium bowl, combine jicama, onion, and cilantro. Pour dressing over jicama mixture, stirring to coat.  
 Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for 2 to 24 hours.  
 Shortly before serving, peel and section grapefruit. Drain. Gently stir grapefruit sections into jicama mixture.  
 Serves 4.

(\* Hot chili peppers contain oils that can burn your skin, lips, and eyes. Wear rubber gloves or wash your hands thoroughly with warm, soapy water immediately after handling peppers.)

### Nutrient Analysis Per Serving:

167 kcal calories, 2 gm protein, 34 gm carbohydrates, 0 mg cholesterol, 9 mg sodium, 4 gm total fat, 0 gm saturated fat, 2 gm polyunsaturated fat, 1 gm monounsaturated fat.

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by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### New Study Reveals Natural Supplement May Protect Against Heart Attacks And Strokes

Millions of Americans suffer from cardiovascular disease. In fact, according to the American Heart Association, someone dies from it every 33 seconds. One of the contributing factors is platelet aggregation — when the blood cells stick together — which can cause a clot to form that suddenly blocks the already-restricted blood supply.

Now, new studies show a natural supplement known as *pycnogenol* (pik-nah-je-nol) opens up arteries and improves blood flow as good, if not better, than currently recommended therapies.

Ronald Watson, Ph.D., Professor, University of Arizona School of Medicine, says, “Pycnogenol functions as a natural shield — we find that it prevents platelet aggregation. This should allow blood to move more rapidly through restricted veins and arteries. As such, its rapid activity could reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke in many populations, including the elderly.”

Pycnogenol is a natural extract made only from the bark of French maritime pine trees. For years, pycnogenol has been known for its antioxidant properties and its ability to enhance the body's circulation, but this new evidence is so compelling, it's earned pycnogenol a patent.

The study compared pycnogenol and aspirin. Both worked well at reducing platelet aggregation, but a smaller dose of pycnogenol appeared to be effective much longer than the aspirin and without aspirin side effects.

Marcus Laux, ND from the National College of Naturopathic Medicine, says, “Currently, cardiologists recommend aspirin to prevent platelet aggregation, but his research suggests that pycnogenol is safer, better-tolerated, and more efficient for a larger portion of the population who need to reduce their risk of platelet aggregation. In addition, more people are choosing natural nutrients over any form of medication.”

The study focused on smokers because it's easier to measure changes in smokers versus non-smokers, but researchers say the benefits of pycnogenol can apply to almost anyone who is trying to prevent a stroke or heart attack.

For more information about pycnogenol, talk with a physician or registered dietitian who specializes in alternative therapies. Avoid getting information from distributors who sell pycnogenol. Your best bet is to speak to a health professional.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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### Chiropractic Care For The Elderly...

A few weeks ago, we discussed chiropractic care and children. We mentioned how effective and safe the treatment is.

This week, we're going to discuss chiropractic care and the elderly. Oftentimes I get asked, “Is it safe for the elderly to get adjusted? Will it hurt the bones?” These are good questions.

Each person's needs vary significantly depending on their bodies. I can have two patients with the exact same physical build and same physical complaints, yet need to treat them totally differently.

Each person is so unique. Some elderly patients have strong bones and respond well to deep muscle work and a deep chiropractic adjustment. On the other hand, some elderly patients have a significant amount of osteoporosis that may require lighter and gentler techniques. That is why it is so important to have a thorough history and examination prior to treatment.

Some of the physical changes that occur with the aging process are osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, poor posture, and a decrease in muscle tone. With osteoarthritis, some of the bones and joints start to degenerate and break down due to the years of wear and tear.

Chiropractic treatment consists of keeping all the joints in the spine mobile and functioning so one joint isn't doing all the work. This decreases the chance of further degeneration.

After all, the body and spine are similar to a machine; it is biomechanical in nature. A machine needs to be maintained, and all the parts need to function at 100 percent in order to produce.

This is so true, with the body; it needs to be “tuned-up” in order to keep functioning well.

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Osteoporosis is a decrease in the bone density. Some of the factors that affect this disease are diet and exercise. Chiropractic care for osteoporosis includes education and information, which is very important in any condition.

We do work on osteoporotic spines, although the technique that is used is a much softer and gentler approach. This is used in order not to further damage the spine.

Most of our elderly patients respond quite well to chiropractic care. If a condition is beyond the scope of chiropractic, or if the patient is not improving from care, we refer the patient out to the appropriate professional.

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## Arts

### CraftAdventure '98 Is Coming To Big E August 28th-30th

Entries in a variety of categories have been accepted for Eastern States Exposition's annual contest and showcase of fine fiber and fabric artistry, CraftAdventure '98, which will take place August 28th-30th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the New England Center, located on the grounds of the Exposition in West Springfield.

Prospective CraftAdventure '98 entrants were encouraged to get a head start on creating unique pieces of handwork artistry for show and competition. Entries were accepted in contest categories including knitting, quilting, rugmaking, needlework, crochet, lace, weaving, spinning, basketry, and dollmaking. Contestants were allowed to enter a maximum of two pieces for show and competition in these contest categories.

This year's theme category is "Holiday Magic." Entrants could create a decorative, functional, or wearable piece, design, or concept interpreting the theme. Special theme class entries were limited to one per person in addition to general entries.

CraftAdventure '98 will feature three exhibits: "Celebration of the Doll - The Figure in Cloth," from cloth doll collector Kathleen Bricker of Farmington, Michigan; "The Hoffman Challenge" 1998 Clothing Collection, a traveling exhibit of fine clothing from Betty Boyink and Holice Turnbow, Midwestern curators; and "Quilts - Looking Through a Window," the quilting artistry of Donna M. Soeri-Liptak and Maureen Egan of Westfield. A special presentation by Soeri-Liptak combined with a demonstration by Egan will take place Friday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

CraftAdventure '98 entries will be judged on workmanship, originality, creativity, use of color, choice of materials, and other exceptional qualities. Cash and ribbon prizes will be awarded in addition to many special awards. Prize-winning CraftAdventure '98 entries and all "Holiday Magic" entries will be displayed in the New England Center during The Big E, "New England's Fall Classic," September 18-October 4, 1998.

### "Five O'Clock Shadow" To Perform On Veterans' Green

As part to the town's ongoing summer entertainment program, the a-cappella group "Five O'Clock Shadow" will perform on Veterans' Green starting at 6:30 p.m.

The six-man group comes from the Boston area where they have been entertaining summer tourists at that city's famous Faneuil Hall. They have also played at Boston's House of Blues, Northampton's Iron Horse Music Hall, and The Bitter End in Greenwich Village.

Their show is always unique as they perform contemporary music without the benefit of musical instruments. Utilizing five-part harmonies combined with a spectacular human vocal drummer, they stand out from traditional a-cappella groups.

About two weeks after agreeing to do the Agawam show, the group signed a record contract with a Los Angeles-based record company. Their first compact disc for the label was released August 1st, and will be available at the show. A tour of Japan will follow in the fall. Additional information is available on the Internet at [www.focs.com](http://www.focs.com).

The night's program is made possible by a grant from Canary Blomstrom Insurance with additional funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. In the event of rain, the show will take place at the Agawam Middle School.

For additional information, contact the Rotary Club at 789-7393.

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1 One of the Bears  
5 Sid's T.V. partner  
9 "— The Man Down"  
13 "Let's Make A Deal"  
host

14 Scent  
15 Omni or MSG  
16 Exam type  
17 "Aunt —"  
18 More rational  
19 N.I.M.B.Y.  
22 Compass course  
23 Dawn goddess  
24 "Norma —"  
25 Porker's abode  
26 Numbers man  
28 Game item in a pub  
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35 Hockey no-no  
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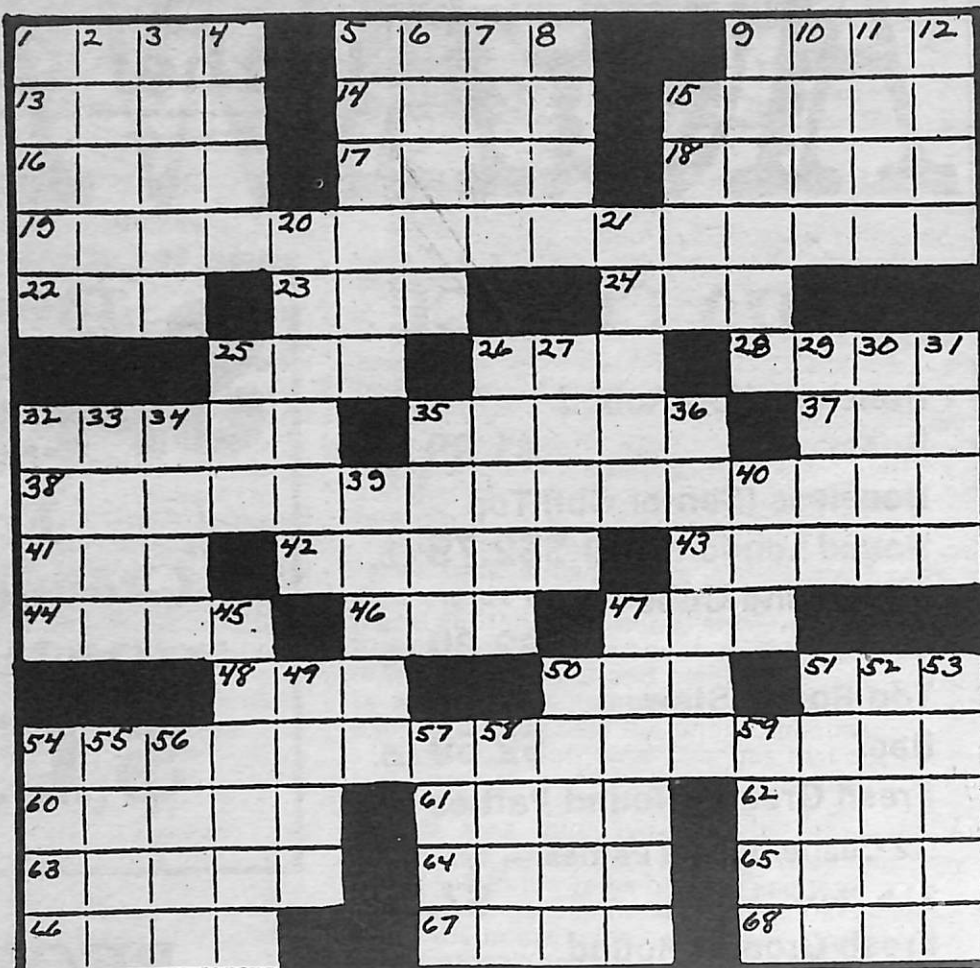
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44 "— and crafts"  
46 Recede  
47 Fitting  
48 Actress Lupino  
50 Cockney's home  
51 G.P.'s org.  
54 B.T.O.  
60 Marble  
61 "Neat as —"  
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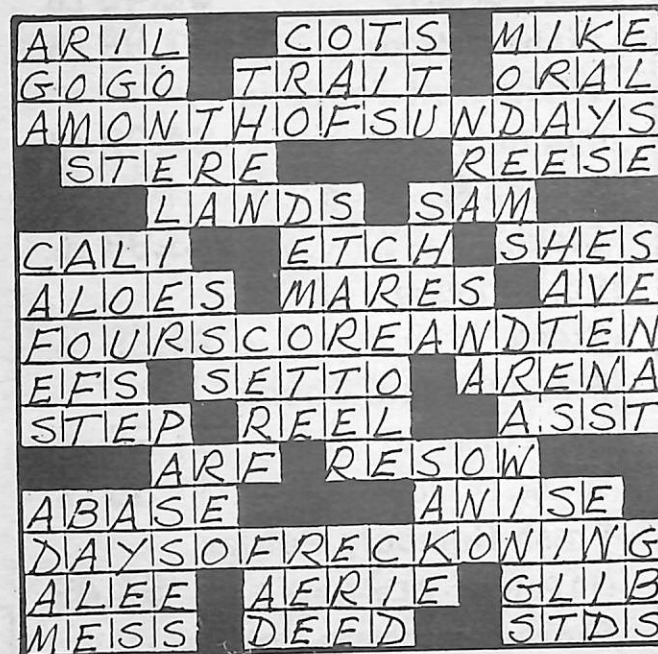
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2 Hammering Hank  
3 Dish  
4 "— want for..."  
5 Down to earth  
6 Anita and family  
7 Grooming instrument  
8 Region  
9 Emulated a donkey  
10 Horne of music  
11 Lulu  
12 "— off" (avert)  
15 "— foolish ques-  
tion, get..."  
20 Had to have  
21 Type of dive  
25 Buddy  
26 Scale  
27 Boone et al  
29 Amino for one  
30 Abie's great love

### Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



31 Heave  
32 The Charles' terrier  
33 Inheritor  
34 Bridge seat  
35 Mop  
36 "— Valley, P.T.A."  
39 Often sweet things  
40 Baby fox  
45 Baby watcher  
47 Changes  
49 "— Irae"  
50 Give an opinion  
51 Make amends  
52 Type of boat or  
cycle  
53 Sprang up  
54 Business end of a  
hook  
55 Operatic Prince  
56 Donated  
57 "I'm all —"  
58 Mayberry boy  
59 Singer/actor Ed

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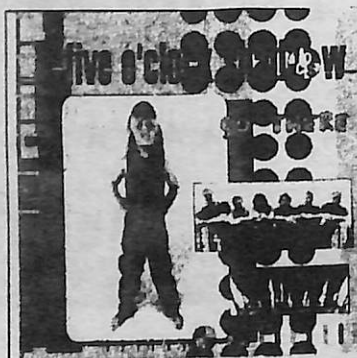


**Dick Mastroianni's "Meet  
The Master" is a weekly  
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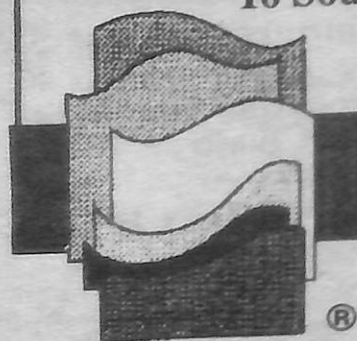
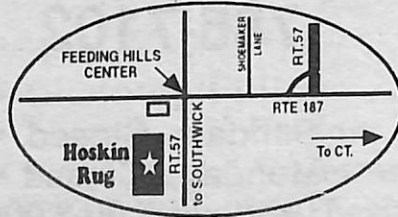


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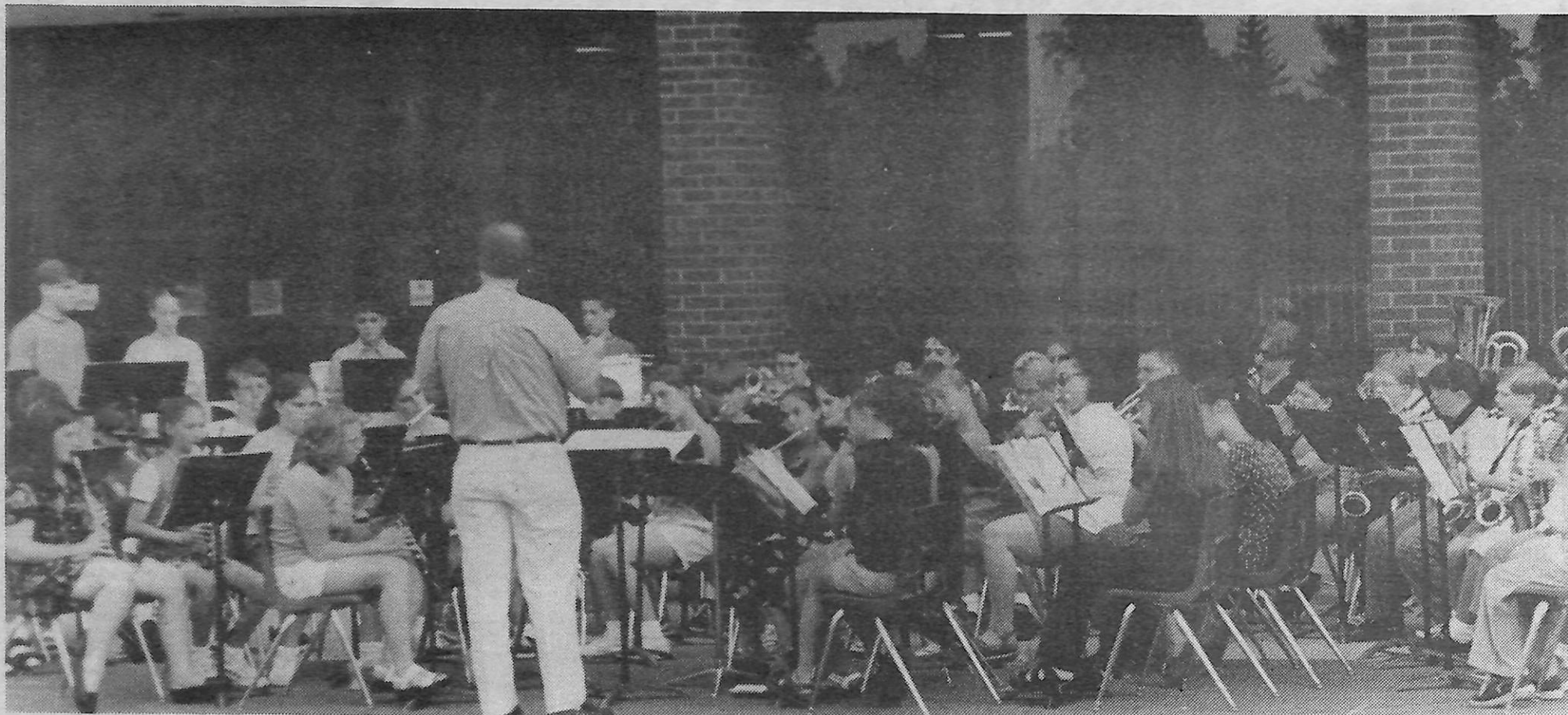






## Education

### Annual "Summer Band Program" Concert...



THE AGAWAM "SUMMER BAND PROGRAM" culminated with a concert for family and friends at the Junior High School on Wednesday, July 29th. Since "Mother Nature" was in a cooperative mood, the concert was able to take place outdoors. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Important Back-To-School News From Agawam High School

On Thursday, August 27th, **FRESHMAN TOURS** at the high school will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please make every attempt to visit the high school during that time period. Tours will depart from the corridor by the guidance office.

Guidance counselors will be available on August 26th, 27th, and 28th to address all legitimate scheduling concerns.

All students new to the school system should contact the guidance office to set up an appointment for proper registration. Call 821-0527 and arrange for an appointment.

During the first week of school, teachers will be giving to students class expectation handouts. Students will be instructed to take the handout home to read and to have the handout signed by a

parent or guardian. The signed expectations will then be returned to the appropriate teachers. If a parent would like a copy of the class expectations, let the teacher know on the class expectation handout that it is to be returned.

All students are encouraged to purchase locks. Remember, it is your responsibility to protect personal and school items to the best of your ability.

Just in case it slipped your mind, the high school starts promptly at 7:25 a.m. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU LEAVE HOME EARLY.**

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## Cory Lavalette Named To Dean's List At Utica College

Cory Lavalette of 185 High Street, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Utica College of Syracuse University for the spring semester.

Cory will become a senior majoring in journalism beginning this fall, and is also the Editor in Chief of the college newspaper, "THE TANGERINE."

In addition to his work on the weekly newspaper, he is involved in numerous intramural activities, clubs, and has been named to *Who's Who Among American College Students*.

For the 1998-1999 school year, Cory has been awarded the Frank E. Gannett and American Association of University Professors Scholarships.

He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lavalette.

## Junior Women's "Safety Bug" Prog. On Friday, August 21st

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will offer their annual "Safety Bug" program on Friday, August 21st beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room.

The presentation is designed to help ease youngsters' anxiety about riding the school bus, and will offer safety tips, as well.

Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be riding the bus to school for the first time can be registered in person at the library or by calling 789-1550.

## Sacred Heart's Pack 75 Seeks New Scouts For September

Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, is looking for new members for the Pack's September starting date.

Openings are available for first grade Tigers and parents; second grade Bob Cats and Wolves; third grade Bears; and fourth and fifth grade Webelos.

There are Den meetings weekly and Pack meetings monthly. Den and Pack activities include District and Council events. Tiger events include "Tiger Quest" as well as the other Pack events, including popcorn sales, Bowl-A-Thon, Pinewood Derby, Cub Day Camp, Hike-A-Thon, Webelos Woods, Residence Camp, Blue & Gold Banquet, Memorial Day Parade, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, as well as field trips with their Dens.

If you are interested and would like more information, call 786-2309 (leave message and phone number).

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## An "Instrumental" Part Of The Program...



THE JULY 29TH CONCERT PERFORMED BY YOUNGSTERS in the Agawam "Summer Band Program" highlighted all of the dedication and effort that the students put into the program since it began earlier this summer. The "Summer Band Program" is comprised of Agawam schoolchildren of various ages. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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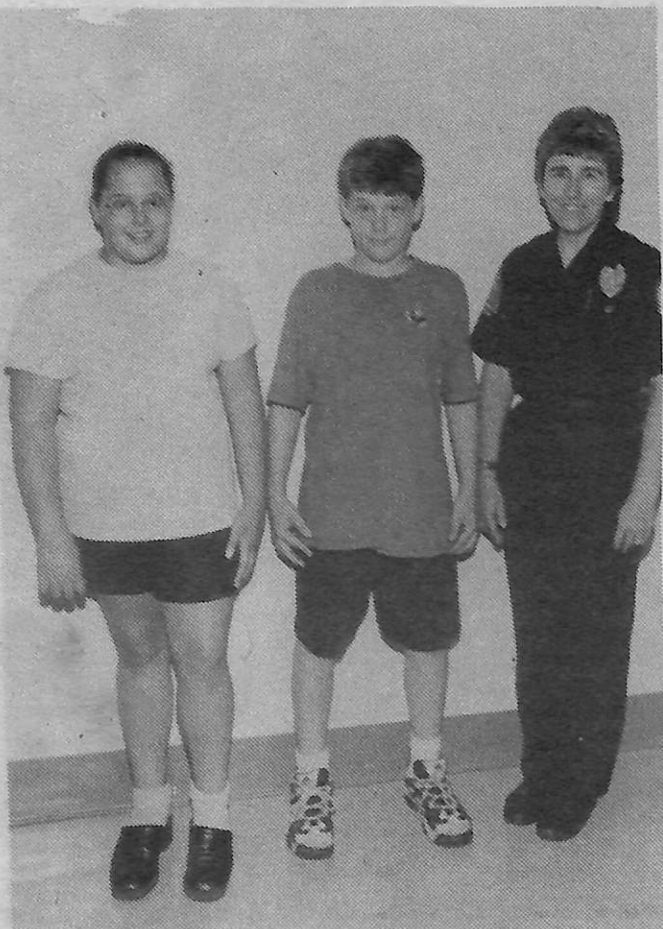
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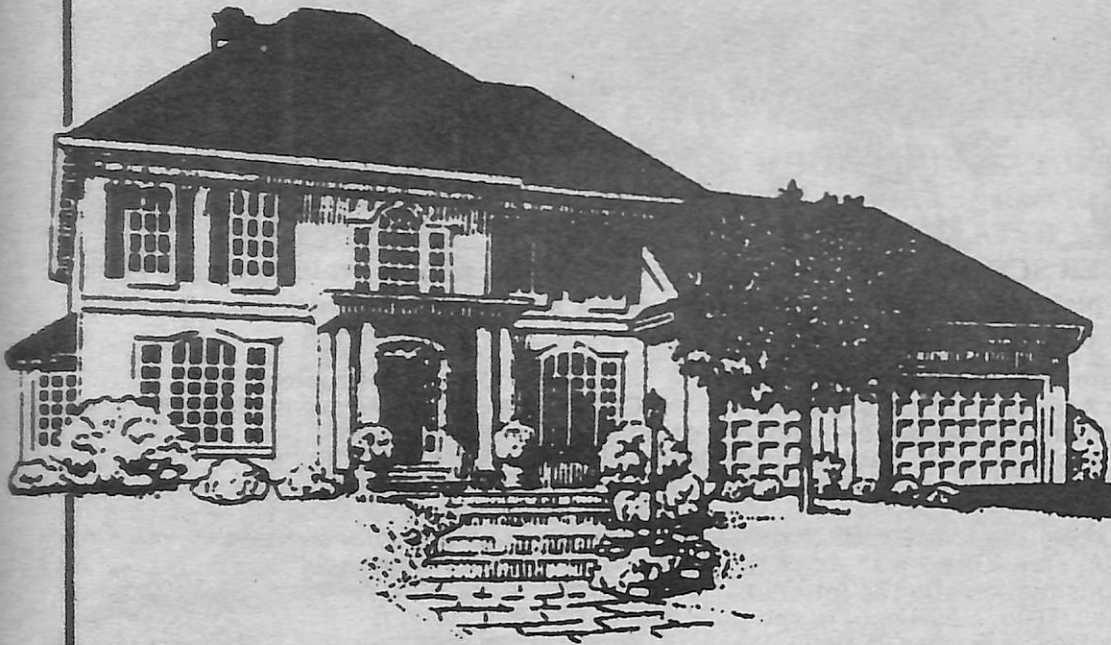
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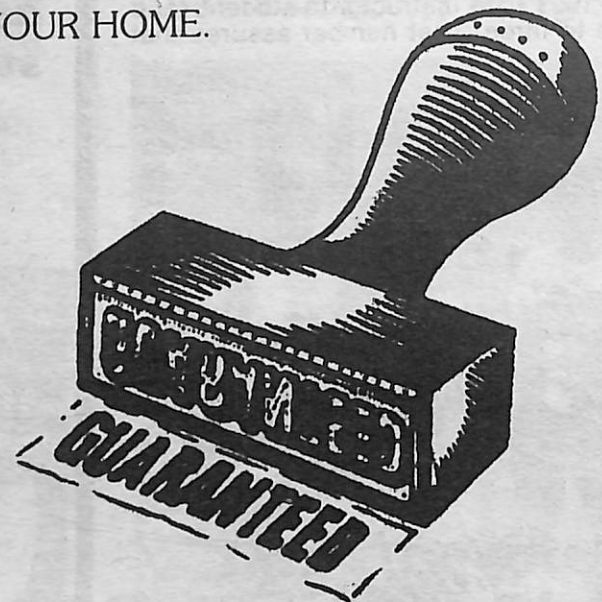
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## Sports

### Agawam Soccer School Brings Basic Skills To Young Players

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The sixth Annual Agawam Soccer School closed shop last Friday afternoon after a week of work involving just about every aspect of the game. The camp was held at the Phelps School. It was run by Al O'Quinn and Denny Marr, both licensed coaches with over 30 years combined experience in the game, and long-time members of the Agawam Soccer Association.

Along with them, various members of the Agawam High boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams served as counselors to help the kids hone the skills which will bring them success on future playing fields.

#### Big-Time Venture

This is a big-time venture which was sponsored by the Agawam High School Soccer Booster Club and the Agawam Soccer Association. "This is for kids in grades one through six. The fee is \$40 for the week, with family rates thrown in as well. All the money we make goes right back into the fund set up by the boosters. Unlike some other camps in the area, no one gets their pockets lined here," Al O'Quinn said. "This is all about the kids."

Indeed, it is all about the kids. On Friday, as the camp closed up, the kids were brimming with energy to fuel a power plant of their own. "This is the day they showed us what they've learned," O'Quinn pointed out. "Many of them arrived here last Monday without a clue. They knew they wanted to play soccer but didn't have any kind of skill level. We feel we've taught them the basics—things they can build upon. They brought the most important thing—the desire to learn."

It was interesting to watch. The campers showed off ball handling, passing, trapping, rollovers, blocking, and many other basics that will be important as their careers continue. One little girl, not much taller than the ball she was working with, demonstrated a bunch of moves. "Five days ago, the ball controlled her. Now it's the other way around," O'Quinn laughed.

Besides the basics, the camp also stressed other facets of the game. Not that the kids needed it, but physical conditioning was addressed, along with mental alertness. "You can be the greatest player in the world as far as physical ability, but if you don't keep your head in the game at all times, it's a waste of time. Everyone has to think out there. You have to anticipate, act, and react," O'Quinn noted.

The camp has been growing steadily since its inception in 1993. The instructor-to-student ratio is about one to three. That number assures that



**AGAWAM SOCCER SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS** with soccer players from Agawam High School. The AHS players in photo are, from left - Sheri Benton, Rich Rodriguez, Amanda Tilden, and Adam Blair. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

the kids get their share of personal attention. The camp is not only for Agawam residents and kids from many of the surrounding towns were also in attendance. The day is structured to get the most out of the three hours of work, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

There is an hour where they review what they learned the previous day. The next hour is dedicated to further instruction and the introduction of new techniques. Then, a half-hour is spent practicing the things they've learned. Finally, the kids in the different age groups are split into teams and they play a game, with special emphasis on executing what they learned in a competitive situation.

#### Quality Instructors

O'Quinn noted the quality of the instructors the camp has had over the years. They included 1997 AHS All-American Kristen Patterson, O'Quinn's son, 1997 All-New England keeper Bryan, and Chris Bitzas, who was All-State while playing for the Brownies, among others. On this day, All-League player Rich Rodriguez was there, along with current AHS players Adam Blair, Amanda Tilden, and Sheri Benton.

O'Quinn noted that the camp also helps the instructors. "The soccer season is just around the corner, so this gets them back into focus. It's a bit like a pre-season workout."



**LAURA LYONS and Agawam Soccer School Co-Director Al O'Quinn** work on a drill last week. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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## The Gang From Agawam Soccer School



AGAWAM SOCCER SCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS DENNY MARR and AL O'QUINN (back row, left), campers, and counselors gather for a group photo on the last day of camp, which was held at Phelps School. RELATED STORY AND PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Many Happy Faces At Lou Conte's Clinic



SOME OF THE SOON-TO-BE EIGHTH GRADERS who attended Lou Conte's three-day girls' basketball clinic included (standing, from left) - Erin McLane, Kristen Strole, and Nicki Gutowski. Seated - Kaitlin Sardella, Aimee Beaudette, and Vicky Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



AGAWAM HIGH girls' varsity player Laura Bucalo was on hand to help with Lou Conte's girls' basketball clinic held this week. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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## At Girls' Basketball Clinic...

# Conte Concerned With Teaching The Fundamentals

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

On Monday of this week, Agawam High varsity basketball Coach Lou Conte held a clinic for girls from grades four through nine at the new outdoor basketball courts at AHS.

There wasn't a whole lot of publicity pertaining to that clinic, but in a basketball town like Agawam, news of a good thing travels fast. Close to 40 girls showed up to get instruction on everything from shooting to ball handling to passing, rebounding, and strategy. Helping out the coach were some present and former AHS players, including Conte's daughter, Amber (who recently graduated), as well as current varsity players Pia Bertone-Gross, Barbara Maloni, Kate Shannon, Laura Bucalo, and two players on the JV last year, Conte's middle daughter, Caitlyn, and Elizabeth Stieg.

Amber Conte, who has spent much of her life playing basketball at one level or another in Agawam, felt the clinic had one important purpose: "The girls were there to learn the fundamentals. No one can teach them better than my dad," she said.

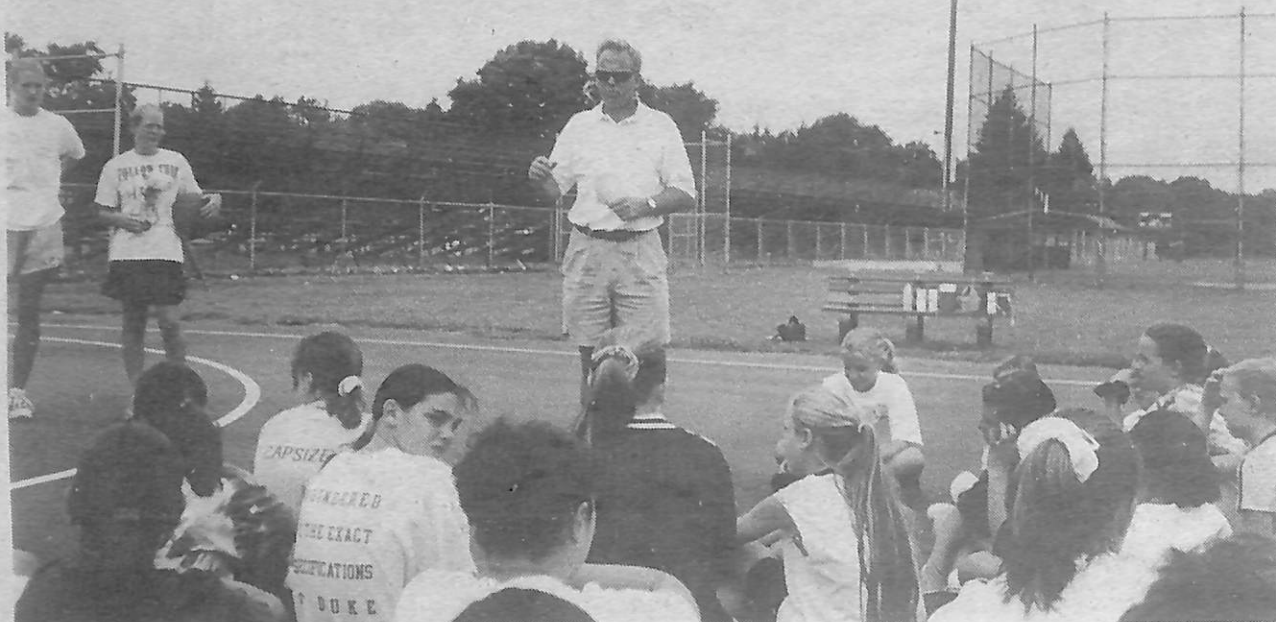
The turnout tells one about the status of girls' basketball in the town. "The desire to learn the game is definitely there. They are young. Some are getting ready to enter their freshman year. Others are at the junior high level. It's nice to see the enthusiasm they showed us," Amber smiled.

Western Mass has seen its share of superstar players on the girls' high school level, so it isn't beyond the realm of possibility for coaches at all clinics to be looking for another one (or maybe two stars) in the making.

"They've been doing that. At Minnechaug, they're looking for another Jillian (Danker)," Amber admitted, then added, "But my dad is looking for kids who want to play, first and foremost. There will be another Kristen (Patterson) or Barbara (Maloni) or maybe even someone like me. It's just a matter of time. The important thing for the program right now, however, is to give the kids coming up a chance to learn to play the game the right way. After that, everything will take care of itself."

The clinic was scheduled to continue Tuesday, August 11th, but rain washed out that session. Coach Conte resumed it on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

There was no charge for the clinic, and parents who talked with us all expressed deep appreciation to Conte and his group of assistants.



**THIS WEEK**, Agawam High girls' varsity basketball coach Lou Conte (standing, center of photo) held a basketball clinic at AHS's new outdoor basketball courts. The clinic was designed for girls in grades four through nine. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



**ASSISTING COACH CONTE** with the basketball clinic: Barbara Maloni and Katie Shannon (left photo), and Conte's two daughters, Amber and Caitlyn (right photo). Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.



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*Season Capped Off By Making Round Three Of The Playoffs...*

## Coach Sullivan Reflects On 1998 Edition Of Agawam Metro Girls' Softball Team

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam Metro girls' softball team finished up their season recently. Their 7-7 record was good enough to get them into the playoffs, which was a double elimination affair. They beat West Springfield, 6-1, in the final round. The second round saw them lose to powerful Amherst, 2-0. They beat Longmeadow by that same score in the third round before being eliminated by South Hadley, 8-6 in the semifinals.

The summer Brownies were a good team, but also a young one and they fought injuries all season long. Pitcher Lindsay Mason, who will be a senior when the 1999 softball season rolls around for AHS, is still having trouble with her back, a problem which haunted her all of '98. Catcher Dianna DiStefano got hurt in the first game of the summer season and had to sit out the campaign. Plus, AHS ace pitcher Ali Jakobek didn't play for the Metro team. "It was a tough go, but we did okay, considering the situation," Coach Dan Sullivan noted.

Because of the particular circumstances of summer sports (vacations, work, etc.), not every kid can show up for each game or practice. Sullivan took a look at those who did and gave a capsule scouting report on what looks like a good group for next spring at AHS.

Deb Boissonneault will be a senior. She filled in behind the plate for the injured DiStefano. "Deb is a hard worker. Hopefully, Coach (Debbie) Lickley can find a place for her," he said, noting that DiStefano most likely has the catcher position sewn up for the next two years.

Erin Rescigno played second for most of the summer. "Erin was an excellent lead-off hitter for us," he said.

Tiffany Blackman, who will be a sophomore, showed well in the circle. "Tiffany is a fine pitcher. She has good speed and can play anywhere. She hit out of the second and third spots for us and showed well."

Sullivan also noted that Blackman is still working on her delivery. "She's trying to learn the windmill. When she does, it will increase the velocity of her fastball."

Blackman shuttled back and forth between the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity last season. She had a start and a win for the varsity. With Mason and Jakobek ahead of her, Blackman will have a battle trying to get pitching time with the varsity. Her ability to play many positions will be a plus for her, however.

Jill Gendron was just a freshman on the varsity last spring. She showed well then and did the same during the summer season. "Jill is a top hitter and played both short and third for us," Sullivan said.

Kornelia Moysis, who will be a senior, played short for the summer team. During the spring, she was a standout second sacker for the varsity. "Kornelia can play every infield position and play them well," the coach said.

Jen Lyman will be looking to move up to the varsity next spring. "Jen didn't play a lot for us, but when she did, she proved to be a solid hitter who made contact," Sullivan said. Lyman did receive a call-up to the varsity during the tournament and helped when needed for the Western Mass. champs.

Alison Pisano, a member of the legendary Pisano clan of Agawam, played first base during

the summer. "Ali is a natural at that position. If there is a spot open on the varsity, she should have a good chance at it. She worked hard at hitting during the summer and showed progress," the coach said of the soon-to-be junior.

Jessica Montagna played the outfield during the Metro season. The coach had this to say of the soon-to-be senior. "She is a lead-off type with the ability to get on base. Jess hits slashing line drives and can also bunt. She has good speed and a good arm."

Jen Bishop will be a sophomore. "She was a pleasant surprise at the plate for us. Jen made contact and also showed well in right field," Sullivan said.

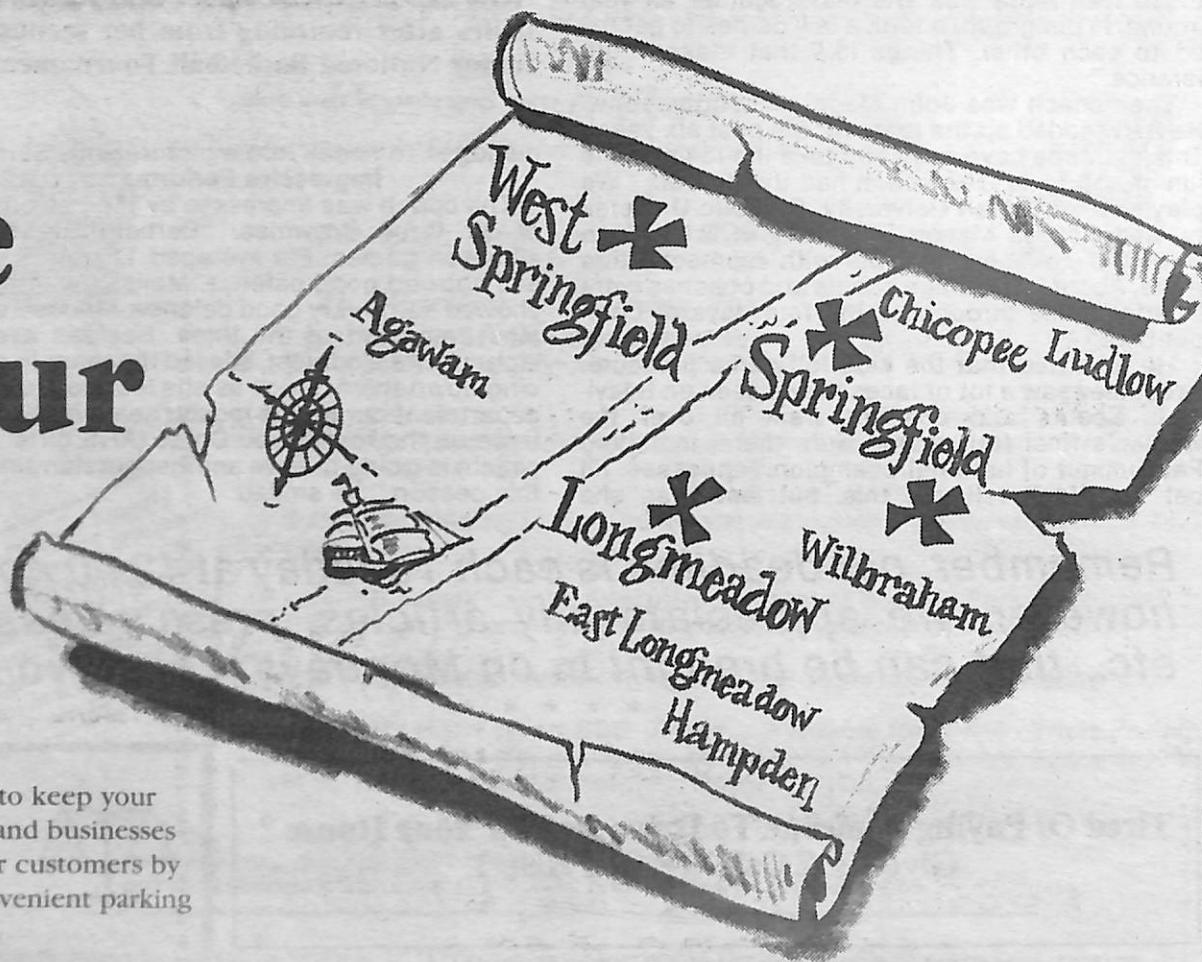
Danielle Bachini is a pitcher who will be a sophomore when the fall rolls around. She got some time in the circle during the summer. "Danielle has the ability to throw strikes and features a good fastball. Plus, she is also a decent hitter," Sullivan noted.

Jen Burke also played for the Metro team. She was a catcher on the junior varsity last spring. "Jen will have a tough time at that position with the varsity. I do think she has the ability to make the team at another position, though," he said.

The bottom line for the summer season revolved around the character of the team, according to Sullivan. "We hung tough, even without some key players. I think we were especially tough mentally. That aspect of our game can be directly attributed to Coach Lickley. We were never out of many games we played over the summer season," Sullivan smiled.

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## Three Brownies On WMass. Team In Prestigious Basketball Tournament

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Recently, three Agawam High basketball players returned from Washington, D.C. Seniors Pia Bertone-Gross, Barbara Maloni, and Melissa Cote were part of the nine-member team from Western Massachusetts which competed in the AAU Junior National Tournament. For Bertone-Gross and Maloni, it was the second year they'd traveled to the AAU's.

They spent four days in D.C. During that time, they played seven games and came away with a 3-4 record. Not everyone can go to this type of tournament. "We applied for the chance and got invited. We drove down and stayed at the Holiday Inn in Fairfax, Virginia," Bertone-Gross said.

### High Level Of Competition

This tournament featured a high level of competition pitting teams from all over the East as well as the Midwest against each other. They played in various college arenas around the area. And eyes were watching.

"Yeah, there were college scouts from all over the country attending the games. Everyone knew that, so there was a little pressure put on all the players to do the best they could," Bertone-Gross smiled.

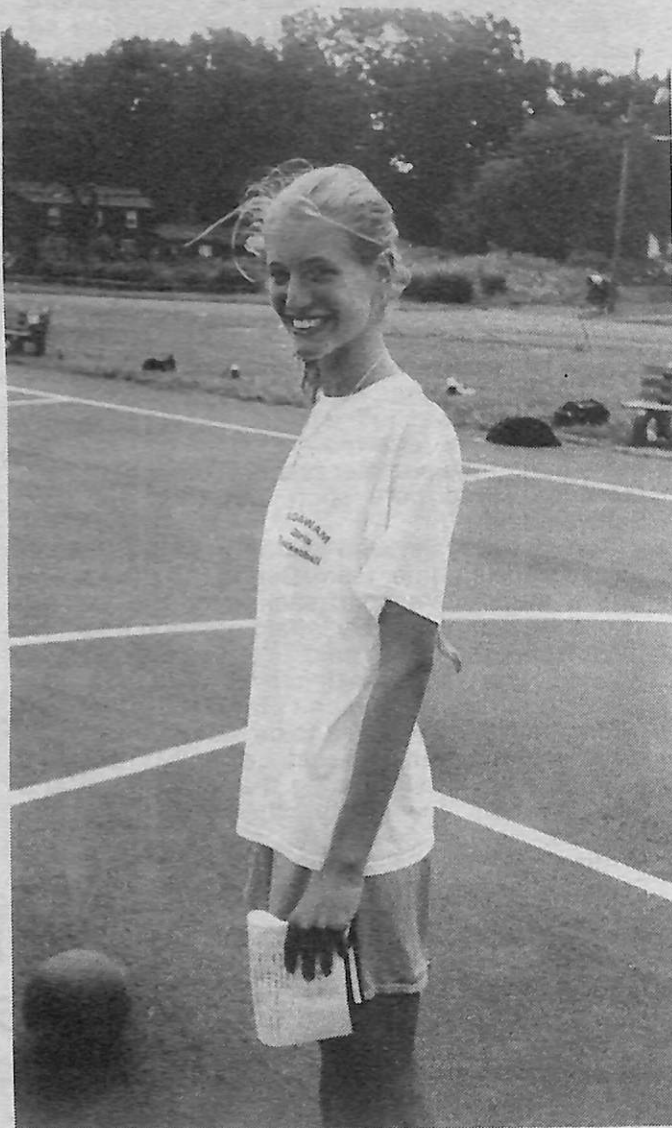
The six-foot center played out of position during the tournament, but it didn't bother her. "They put me at forward, which is a position I like. I wish I could play more of it. I seem to play better when the scouts are around, too." In one game, Bertone-Gross scored 22 points.

Her take on the competition went like this: "The teams down there were either much better than the teams we played during our season, or not as good. But every one of them played tough, physical basketball, which is something we don't always see up here."

Bertone-Gross, who has already been in contact with some colleges, says the biggest thing she brought away from the tournament was the knowledge of just who is out there and how good they are. "One team, called the Philly Bells, had the top ranked guard in the country. Plus, many of those teams practice and play together all year 'round. In our group, it took a few games to get used to each other. Things like that make a difference."

Their coach was John Maggi of Longmeadow. He had headed up the team for the past six years. The last three have seen him take the team to the junior nationals. The coach had this to add: "We played at American University, Catholic University, and George Mason University in D.C. There were 300 college programs with representation there. About 500 college scouts and coaches were in attendance throughout the four days of competition."

He admitted that the kids felt some pressure. "Yes, they saw a lot of faces they'd seen on television. Scouts and coaches from all over the women's final four teams were there, including Pat Summit of national champion Tennessee. I'll bet Pia didn't tell you this, but last year, she



**AHS SENIOR PIA BERTONE-GROSS is all smiles after returning from her second AAU Junior National Basketball Tournament.** Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

managed to sneak into a picture with Summit." **Impressive Performance**

The coach was impressed by the performances of all three Brownies. "Barbara averaged 18 all seven games. Pia averaged 11 points a game and showed good defense. Melissa was the showed some very good defense. Melissa was the most improved of the three. Besides averaging eight points a contest, she led the team in rebounding down there, much as she led the club in that department during the regular season. With those three on the roster, Lou Conte (AHS girls' varsity coach) is going to have another outstanding team this season," he smiled.

*Women's Softball Playoffs...*

## Village Lounge Defeats E.B.'s In The Finals

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League's 1998 playoffs began quietly enough. Six clubs were involved in first-round action. The top seed and winner of the league (outright), Village Lounge, drew a bye. A.R.P. managed a mild upset win over Olive Oil's and advanced to the second round, as did Southworth Paper Company and E.B.'s Restaurant with their victories.

E.B.'s whipped A.R.P. in two tough games, thus advancing to round three. Three good games between Village Lounge and Southworth saw the Village people advance, two games to one. The exciting action of the preliminary rounds set up the finals, pitting Village Lounge against E.B.'s.

As usual, the finals (a best-of-five affair) saw both teams with a slight case of the yips. E.B.'s was dominant in first game, coming away with an 8-2 win. Game two was closer, but the results were the same; E.B.'s held on to win, 6-4. Village was having a major problem. Besides being down two games to none and facing elimination, the defending league champs couldn't find their bats.

But, as Yogi Berra is so fond of saying — "It ain't over 'til it's over." Indeed, it wasn't over. Game three was a cauldron of pressure, emotion, and the intensity of a major championship. Many observers felt it was quite possibly the best game every played in the history of the league. After 11 tough innings where both clubs' offense and defense had their moments, Village Lounge prevailed, 13-12.

Game four was another one well-played on both sides of the ball. Again, the Village Lounge prevailed, this time 10-8. That back-against-the-wall performance set up the deciding fifth game.

### Both Clubs Ready For The Last Chapter...

Tony Grasseti and Earl (Bumper) Donahue had their clubs ready for the last chapter in this thriller. E.B.'s jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. The third inning saw Village come back with two runs of their own. That rally, small as it was, fired them up and they began to play like the champions they were.

As the sun began to set in the west, it also began to set on E.B.'s. Village Lounge scored eight times in the fourth. E.B.'s didn't quit, but they just couldn't match the offensive output of the Village people, who won the crown by a score of 16-6 and three games to two.

Afterwards, following the congratulations, the high fives, and a tear or two, the get-together began. The bubbly and some additional libations were passed around. Both teams were indeed rightfully proud of their accomplishments during the season and in the playoffs. Both teams were winners in the end.

After being presented with the game ball in a unanimous vote by all the players, Village Lounge pitcher Holly Garvey had this to say: "You all deserved a game ball at one time or another during the season. It takes a whole team to win and sometimes a whole village. I thank all the wonderful and exuberant fans for being with us during the past few days."

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The championship game saw the Yankees beat the Braves, 9-5, after giving up four unearned runs in the first inning. The Yankees were then rallied to win by the timely hitting of Zack Lappanese, Kevin Foley, and Casey Federico, and heads-up baserunning by Lappanese, Federico, Danielle Glantz, and John Matalvo.

The team also benefitted from fine defensive plays by Mike Pisano, Andrew King, Shawn Santos, Ricky Walker, Matalvo, and Nick Pacora.

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**AUGUST 21, 1998:** 8:30 a.m., Freshmen Football; 9:00 a.m., Freshmen Boys' Soccer; 9:30 a.m., Freshmen Girls' Soccer; 9:45 a.m., Freshmen Field Hockey; 10:00 a.m., Gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., Girls' Cross Country.

**AUGUST 24, 1998:** 8:00 a.m., Make-up physical for boys; 8:30 a.m., Make-up physicals for girls.

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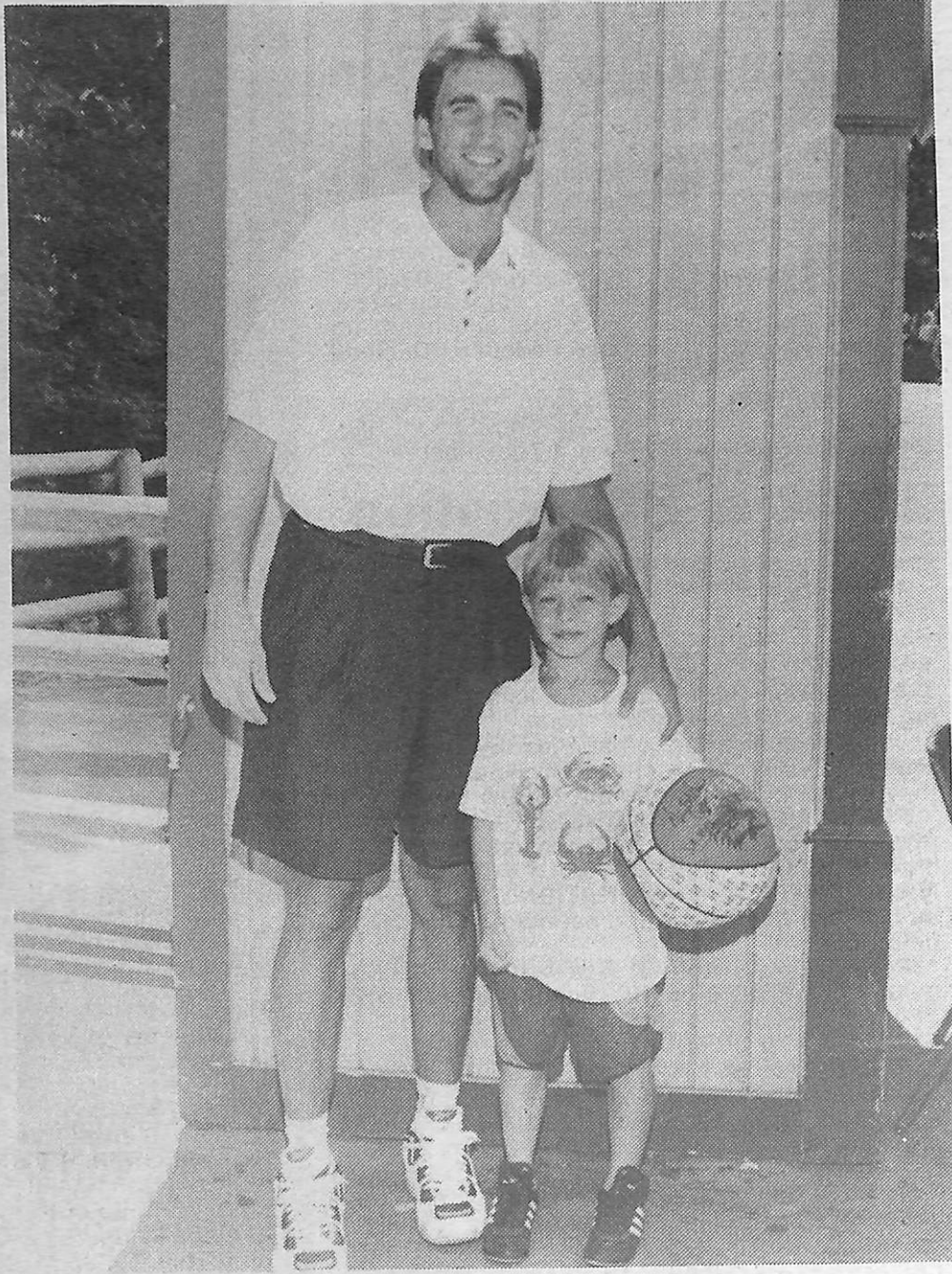
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# DelNegro Visits Riverside Park...



VINNIE DELNEGRO, a Springfield native and a member of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs, appeared at Riverside Amusement Park in late July and met some young basketball fans, including nine year-old Laura Bokoski of North Providence, Rhode Island (left photo), and seven year-old Ryan Neugebauer of Baldwin, New York (right photo). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Open Pantry's Golf Outing Set For August 19th

The sixth Annual Golf Outing to benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will be held at Shaker Farms Country Club on Shaker Road in Westfield on Wednesday, August 19th. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The \$80 fee (\$85 the day of the event) includes green fees, food, fun, and prizes. More information can be obtained from Jennifer at the Pantry, 734-2639.

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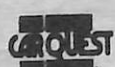
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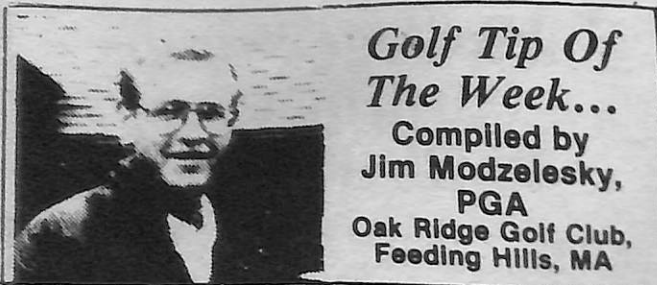
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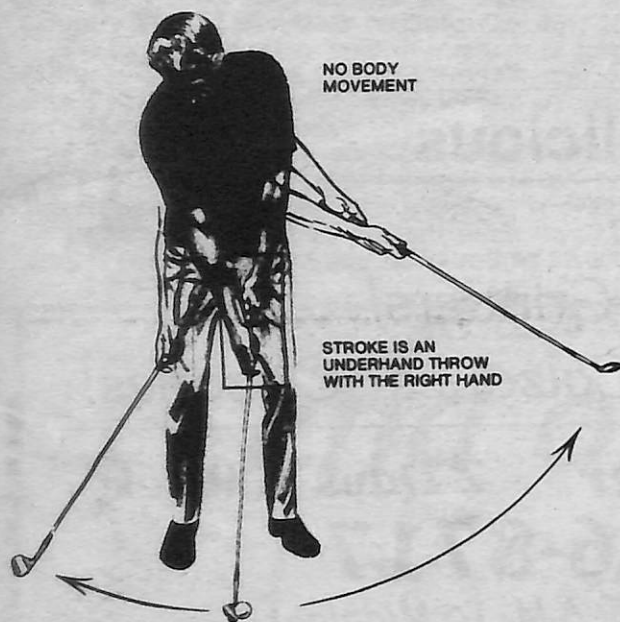
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The short chip shot is one of the most delicate and demanding shots in the game. You can't be satisfied with merely getting on the putting surface; you want to get that ball up there within one-putt range, or the shot has not been successful.

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By placing the right hand at the bottom of the grip, while the left hand remains in its normal position at the top of the grip, the golfer gets the feeling that he is throwing the ball underhand to the hole.

There is no body movement needed, and the right hand picks the ball and gets it rolling straight at the cup.



## Unofficial Finishes At Riverside Speedway For Sat., August 8th

### Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks (40 Laps)

1. Tom Fearn of Agawam, MA.
2. Todd Owen of Somers, CT.
3. Bennett Fuller of Enfield, CT.
4. Barry Gray of Belchertown, MA.
5. Jay Miller of East Granby, CT.
6. Jeff Horn of Tolland, CT.
7. Les Hinckley III of Windsor Locks, CT.
8. Rich Vasseur of Ellington, CT.
9. Eddy Carroll III of Suffield, CT.
10. Jim Mavlouganis of Wethersfield, CT.
11. John Lobo, Jr. of Southampton, MA.
12. Tom Dileo of Winsted, CT.
13. Patrick Townsend of Springfield, MA.
14. Bobby Ermark of Norwalk, CT.
15. Sonny Fiega of Springfield, MA.
16. Chuck Docherty of Springfield, MA.
17. Jeff Connors of Ellington, CT.
18. Rick Turcotte of Hampden, MA.
19. Keith Minchella of Wilbraham, MA.
20. Ron LaPerche of Pawtucket, RI.
21. Craig St. Germain of Enfield, CT.
22. Jim Banfield of South Glastonbury, CT.
23. Blaine Belz of Moodus, CT.
24. Vinny Bounocore of North Haven CT.
25. Tim Strojny of Southampton, MA.

### NAPA Modified Division (50 Laps)

1. Ricky Miller of Agawam, MA.
2. Ted Riggott of East Hartland, CT.
3. Eddy Spiers of Beacon Falls, CT.
4. Jimmy Broderick of Brookfield, CT.
5. Bill Bolton of Enfield, CT.
6. Bob Polverari of West Springfield, MA.
7. Dan Avery of Somers, CT.
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9. Dave Berube of Bristol, CT.
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16. Richie Gallup of Agawam, MA.
17. Brad Hietala of Ellington, CT.
18. Ken Marques of Canton, CT.
19. Dale Evonson of East Hartland, CT.
20. Carl Eriksson of Deep River, CT.

All the local sports news with us, every and every week...

## Ricky Miller Wins First In Riverside Park Modifieds

Ricky Miller became the 11th winner in Riverside Park Speedway's ultra competitive NAPA Modified division by taking down a win over defending track champion Ted Riggott on Saturday, August 8th. It was Miller's first career Modified victory.

Other winners from Guida Dairy night at the races were Tom Fearn in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division, Roger Voisine in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division, and Ed Charette with his third win in the Sportsman division.

Miller, who resides in Agawam, took the lead from Bill Bolton on lap 11 and outran Riggott and Eddy Spiers as the race rolled on to take down the win. Riggott moved a few points closer to his goal of a repeat championship with his second-place finish.

Spiers was third, followed by defending regional champion Jimmy Broderick in fourth, and Bolton in fifth. Making a return to Riverside Park was the Bear Motorsports No. 14 Modified, driven by Doug Meservey. Meservey finished 10th in this first start at Riverside Park in 1998.

Fearn, who passed through Victory Lane on August 1st after spinning out his car on the front stretch, pulled into Victory Lane the right way for the first time in 1998. Todd Owen was second, followed by Bennett Fuller in third, Barry Gray in fourth, and Jay Miller in fifth.

An emotional Roger Voisine celebrated his first win in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division. Voisine, who resides in Wallingford, CT, became the 12th winner in 13 races for Riverside Park's newest division. Skip Breunig was second, followed by Mike Duquette, Chris Johnson, and Pat Kretschman in fifth.

Ed Charette became the winningest driver in the Sportsman division with his third win. Paul Mercadante finished second, Chris Drouin was third, Glen Reilly was fourth, and Dennis Charette earned himself a spot on top of the point standings with his fifth-place finish.

Riverside Park Speedway returns to action on Saturday, August 15th, as ACME Auto and Arbitell Convenience Stores present the NASCAR Winston Racing Series. Qualifying begins at 6:00 p.m.

### RIVERSIDE PARK SPEEDWAY IS COMMITTED TO "TOUR-TYPE" MODIFIEDS FOR 1999

At the Drivers' Meeting before the race on Saturday, August 8th, Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski announced that Riverside Park Speedway is committed to racing in 1999, and will continue to run "tour-type" Modifieds.

This announcement came after a closed-door meeting with Lewandoski, General Manager Bill Muirhead, and NASCAR Vice-President Tom Deery that was held on Friday, August 7th.



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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Salt Water Jigs...

I have received a couple of inquiries regarding several articles in which I mentioned bucktail jigs and three-waying. There seems to be a bit of confusion among some of the newer salt water fishermen, as there are several types of jigs.

Salt water jigs come in many sizes and styles, and will catch just about anything that swims. Fluke, stripers, blues, cod, haddock, and pollack are just a few of the species that are suckers for a jigged offering.

Party boat anglers destined for deep-water cod are familiar with the large diamond jigs and Norwegian jigs that weigh up to 24 ounces or more. These jigs are chrome-finished and simulate baitfish. They are worked on stout rods using line in the 40- to 80-pound test range. They are lowered to the bottom and are quickly jigged with a sharp lift of the rod. They are then allowed to flutter back down on a taut line. Like any vertical jigging situation, the strike is often encountered as the jig is falling.

Keeping "in touch" with the jig is very important. When a fish inhales a falling jig, the angler may not feel the take. With several hundred feet of stretch-prone mono between the angler and the fish, it is important not to be "asleep at the switch."

Some of the new "super lines," with virtually no stretch, can be a great benefit under these conditions. The cost of spooling up can be substantial.

Furthermore, many party boats do not allow the use of anything but monofilament line. One of the reasons for this restriction is the fact that line tangles are common, and the new superlines are very abrasive and will cut other lines as well as fingers. The mates often have to do the untangling and want to avoid deep line cuts. If you are out on a private boat, no problem.

Any loss of "feel" as the heavy jig falls is the signal to haul back and set the hook. Be sure to keep the jig a couple of feet above the bottom to avoid snags. With some of the stainless-steel heavyweights running close to \$20 each, discretion is the better part of valor. Besides, predatory fish are often suspended over the bottom, looking for their next meal.

Fluke fishermen and striper aficionados are familiar with a different type of jig. The lead head bucktail jig, ranging from half-an-ounce up to four ounces, is often "dressed" with a variety of additional temptations.

Squid strips, sand worms, or pork rind strips are often added as a trailer to such jigs. No Alibi's, Smiling Bills, and Eel Face jigs are some of the most popular. In contrast to the previously mentioned cod jigs, these jigs are fished in a much different manner.

Fluke fishermen bounce these jigs right on the bottom, as the the boat is drifting over likely areas. Surf casters seeking stripers and blues will hop these jigs back to the beach, hoping to encounter the fish in the zone just outside the surf line.

Striper anglers who troll often use a specialized rig with a different type of jig. The jig is referred to as a parachute jig. Long strands of artificial "hair" in a variety of colors are tied on the lead head so that the strands are an equal distance from both the front and back of the jig. This gives the jig a pulsing action when the jig is swept forward and when it falls back.

This is one of the most deadly methods for taking stripers and blues from mid-depth structure like reefs and shoals. The conventional reel is loaded with wire line. Every 50 feet, a 10-foot length of dacron line is spliced in. This allowed the angler to do two things.

First and most important is the fact that the jig is constantly being worked by the angler who is holding the rod upside-down at the stern of the boat. With the rod tip pointed at the water, the rod is sharply snapped towards the boat, then the line is allowed to fall back. This sequence is real work, but can result in some tremendous action.

Because the rod is being constantly worked in this manner, it is important that the dacron line is always in the guides. Monel wire is prone to weakening from the constant flexing; therefore, by keeping the dacron splice in the rod guides, this won't happen.

Another advantage is that it is easy to figure out how many 50-foot lengths of wire line are in the water. With a 10-foot dacron length every 50 feet, even the arithmetically-challenged can figure out how much wire is in the water and (depending on depth) can make the necessary adjustments.

If you are working wire and don't have the dacron spacer, be sure to give at least one crank

on the reel every few rod sweeps. This will at least prevent one spot in the wire from becoming fatigued.

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Area lakes and ponds are producing bass and pickerel along with other warm water pan fish. Trout action has definitely moved to the deeper water. Trolling with downriggers or lead core continues to be the most productive method. Anglers report that trout are holding just above the thermocline. A good fish finder is a real asset in determining the proper trolling depth.

Valley streams are presenting a challenge to anglers. The hot spell has found the fish holding in shaded pockets and in deeper pools which have undercut banks.

The Connecticut River, as of this writing, is producing good bass action. Nighttime cat fishing is good, with raw shrimp, large dead shiners, eel heads, chicken livers, and herring chunks doing well.

### SALT WATER

Stripers continue to dominate the salt water action, but some blues have been picked up in the inshore grounds.

The areas around the mouth of the Connecticut River, Black Point, and Long Sand Shoal are giving up some decent catches. The Race, Plum Gut, and Valiant Rock continue to produce for anglers, with a night bite reported to be great!

Offshore, some yellow fin tuna are being reported off of Block and Mountauk. Shark action continues to be good, with some hefty blues and an occasional mako being landed.

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## Fitness First Golf Tourney Benefits Women's Shelter

Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills held its sixth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Saturday, July 25th.

The tournament was held in memory of former Fitness First Aquatics Director Vicki Sleeper, who was a victim of domestic violence. She was killed on September 6, 1993.

It is the hope of the staff and friends of Vicki and Fitness First that by donating the proceeds to the New Beginnings Women's Shelter (a division of the YWCA) they can prevent such tragic endings. The tournament and raffle raised \$2,000!

The winners of the 80-player event were: First place — Joe Grippo, Ralph Cocchi, Joe Shaker, and Jeff Yelle (59); second place — John King, Greg McGowan, Paul Ficks, and Tim Diadabo (60); and third place — Kurt Welker, Brian Campbell, Manny Legace, and Pat Miles (61).

Fitness First would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to this year's raffle and tournament:

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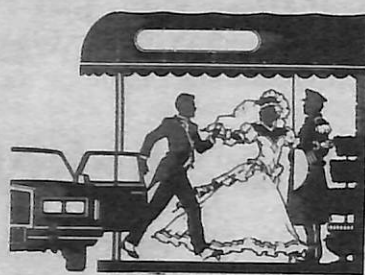
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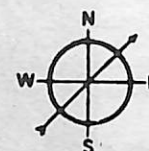
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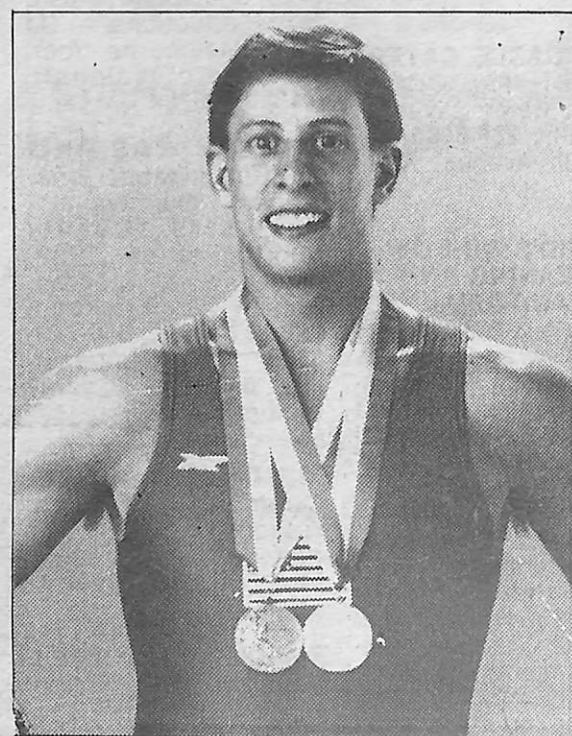
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